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Purpose

Durorp is an interesting and linguistically distinct semi-Bantu or Bantoid language spoken by a minority group of people known as Bororp or people of the Kororp ethnic group. A part of this ethnic group inhabits the Southwestern part of Cameroon while the other occupies the Southeastern tip of Nigeria.

A minority group, Kororp has continued to suffer not only cultural and socio-economic shrinkage but also linguistic marginalisation characterised by an obvious erosion of some key elements of the language. Like any other language, however, Durorp has borrowings from languages such as Efik, Ejagham, and even English.

Like Kpewi Durorp which concentrates on the grammar of the language, Durorp-English Dictionary is aimed primarily at the linguistic emancipation of Kororp and at stimulating literary interests in the study and development of Durorp as a linguistic entity in particular and promotion of Durorp literature in general. To achieve this aim, this Dictionary has introduced quite a number of new but understandable words.

Abbreviations: The following abbreviations are used throughout the dictionary:

esp = especially

art = article

n = noun

pro = pronoun

adj = adjective

v = verb

aux.v = auxiliary verb

inf.v = infinite verb

adv = adverb

prep = preposition

conj = conjunction
 inj = interjection or exclamation
 lit = literal meaning
 Eng. = English
 Efi = Efik
 Eja = Ejagham
 Duk = Dukondokondo

Letters of the alphabet: a b ch d e f i j k m n
o p q r s t u w y

Vowels: a e i o or u

Doubling of vowels: This is mostly done to indicate that the sound is longer than when the vowels were single, for example: aa ee ii oo oor uu

Consonants: b ch d f j k m n p q r s t w y

Varieties of Durorp: This dictionary is written based mainly on Dukorn, or the Ekorn variety of Durorp, except otherwise indicated.

Some Mathematical Language: Here are mathematical jargons and signs of some basic operations:

Operations		Signs	Examples	
Durorp	English		Durorp	English
Baba	Plus (Add)	+	Dio baba bunan	Ten plus three
Tor	Minus (Subtract)	-	Dio tor bunai	Ten minus four
Chuwere nta	Multiplied by	x	Dio chuwere nta orwan	Ten multiplied by two
Tuk a bikaim	Divided by	/	Dio tuk a bikaim biwan	Ten divided two
Bubura	Equals	=	Dio baba dio bubura	Ten plus ten equals

Aa

a (prep) at; in; to; from;
on; by; that

e.g. 1. Nde a enor
ndaikwai. *I am at home
today.* (But note that the
“a” is silent in the
sentence since it is
immediately followed
by a word that begins
with a vowel; this is the
rule that applies
without exceptions)

2. Nde a okum. *I am in the
market.*

3. N nyi a ekpang. *I am
going to the farm.*

4. N tungbi a
Ekornganaku. *I am from
Ekornganaku*

5. Or sou a butemini.
*He/she is sitting on the
floor.*

6. N ka nyi a uwan. *I shall
go by canoe.*

7. Or beke a ngo a kpiya
ingwha ingo. *He/she
said that you should shut
your mouth.*

(pro) you (singular); where
is/are...?

e.g. 1. A ka quai? *Will you
come?*

2. A reni ma. *You are not
here.*

3. A na ror ibat nyor. *You
have not understood that
Math.*

4. A ri quai? *Won't you come?*

5. Mmong a? *Where is
he/she?*

aaikpai (n) a ring

aata utep (n) a hunter

aayang (n) a broom

a baikait baingo (pro) on
your own; personally

e.g. 1. A yairi nkwt chai a
baikait baingo? *Did you
write this book on your
own?*

2. A ka quai ma a baikait
baingo? *Will come here
personally?*

abiabun (n) a needle; a
syringe

e.g. 1. N chormi abiabun u
kpaik eta emi. *I don't
have a needle to stitch my
clothes.*

2. Or yani u nuwa abiabun.
*He/she doesn't like to take
an injection.*

Aboong (n) (commonly
spelt Abung) a Nigerian
village of Kororp,
found in the Oban
District of
Akamkpa Local
Government Area,
Cross River State

abubian (adj) lazy

e.g. Or re amamang
 abubian orne. *He/she is
 a typically lazy person.*
 (n) a lazy person
 e.g. M biri de abubian. *I am
 not a lazy person.*
abuchor (n) an adulterer;
 an adultress
abudordor (n) [see also
 aburoror] a sage; an
 intellectual
abuka (n) a craftsman; an
 artist
abukei (adv) down
 e.g. 1. Koom idiaii nyor
 abukei. *Put that cutlass
 down.*
 2. Sa ungo abukei. *Sit you
 down.*
abukoi (n) a fisherman
abukormi (n) a builder
abukpaiki (n) a tailor; a
 seamstress
 e.g. Ore abukpaiki. *He/she
 is a tailor/seamstress.*
abukpaan (n) a selfish-
 person
 e.g. A re abukpan? *Are you
 a selfish-person?*
 (adj) selfish
 e.g. O re abukpan
 ornerom. *He is a selfish
 man.*
abumkpuk (n) a blind
 person
 e.g. Or re abumkpuk.
He/she is a blind person.

abunorngha (n) a sex
 maniac
aburoror (n) [see also
 abudordor] a sage; an
 intellectual
abuyairi (n) a writer; a
 teacher (a misnomer
 for)
anchormi (n) one who, or
 something that, lacks
 (see also anap)
adiagha [from Efi.](n)
 first daughter
a din da (adv) in the name
 of
 e.g. Uyin umi u ka fore, a
 din da Jisors. *Ure
 nyindior My family will
 prosper, in the name of
 Jesus. Amen.*
adooroong (n) someone
 or animal with the
 propensity to bite; biter
 e.g. Ornerom kwo ore
 adooroong. *This man is
 a biter.*
 (adj) having the propensity
 to bite, biting
 e.g. Ebia adooroong ndai.
This is a biting dog.
adubam (adv) beside
 e.g. N sou a dubam
 dumorng. *I am sitting
 beside him/her.*
adubung (n) a driver
 e.g. A chorm adubung? *Do
 you have a driver?*

adukpak (n) a poor person
 (adj) poor
a dunyor (adv) in front, ahead
aduret (adj) being prone to crying
 (n) someone prone to crying
adutaina (n) a teacher (erroneously known as abuyairi)
afai (n) violence, brutality, ferocity, bestiality
 e.g. Afai or noormi.
Violence is not good.
afang (n) a wild, though recently domesticated vegetable, popularly known as “eru”, used for preparing a rich West African soup
afarawa [from Eng.] (n) a flower
 e.g. Afarawa quo or normi.
This flower is beautiful.
aibon (pro) our; ours
aidiami (n) plan; strategy
 e.g. 1. A chorm aidiami na aye ? *Do you have a plan with him/her?*
 2. Ta chorma aidiami? *Do you already have a strategy ?*
aikpai (n) a rat;
 (figuratively) a thief
aikin (n) a joke

aimi (pro) my; mine (for singular possession)
 e.g. 1. Quai enor aimi.
Come to my house.
 2. Chaap aimi ndior. *That is my meat.*
ainain (n) a track, a path, a route, a road; the way
aingo (pro) your; yours
 e.g. Enor aingo ndai? *Is this your house?*
airaing...asik ... (conj)
 were it not for..., had it not been that...
 e.g. 1. Ereng ngo asik...
Were it not for you...
 2. Ereng o quai asik... *Had it not been that he came...*
aiyain (n) place; point
ataip (n) exaggeration; overstatement; overstatement
aigichak (n) large beads (usually a string worn round the waist, mostly by women in a traditional “school” such as fattening room after circumcision)
akam (n) a prayer; prayers
 e.g. Borng akam ongo kporokpora daikwai. *Say your prayers everyday.*
akang (n) saltpeter (locally known as akanghwa, used for ground tobacco and for

cooking to prevent
indigestion)

akangkang (n) a small,
two-pronged metal
gong

e.g. Meng or dor u koot
akangkang ma. *Who
knows how to beat the gong
here.*

akara (n) bean cake,
normally fried in
bleached palm oil

akarasi (n) a glass

e.g. 1. Chang mmi akarasi.
Give me a glass.

2. N ya u choorn mini a
akarasi. *I like to drink
water from a glass.*

akarasi enyin [from Efi.]

(n) eyeglasses,
spectacles, specs

e.g. Amene ormong or ya
u korn akarasi enyin.
*His/her father likes to
wear spectacles.*

akemeen (n) a drunkard
e.g. Kpara nona mmung; o
re akemeen. *Don't invite
him/her; he/she is a
drunkard.*

akikuku (n) a weakling, a
person who has neither
the strength to fight
nor to do hard work.

e.g. Nik akikuku quor.
Leave that weakling.

(adj) weak.

e.g. O re akikuku kor orne.

He/she is a weak person.

akirimen [from Eng.] (n)
agreement (usually a
written one)

akitu (n) an extremely
foolish person, an
imbecile

(adj) the state of being
extremely foolish

e.g. A re amamang atkitu.

*You are an extremely
foolish person.*

akpa (n) the number or
position "first".

e.g. Mmi nde akpa a kras
obon. *I am first in our
class.*

(adj) the position first.

e.g. Mmi nde akpa orne u
dion ma. *I was the first
person to arrive here.*

akpakpat [from Efi.] (n)
slippers

akpan (n) first son

e.g. Akpan omi o chain
Beya. *My first son is called
Beya.*

(adj) key, principal, most
important.

e.g. Akpan a biain bu baqai
mmi ma ere ukwen a
enor a nwket. *The key
thing that has brought me
here is this discussion about
the school.*

akpang (n) a brave person

(adj) brave.

e.g. Anya ore akpang orne. *Anya is a brave person.*

akpantornghor (n) the beginning

e.g. O biri de ma a akpantonghor. *He/she was not here at the beginning.*

(adj) coming at the beginning.

akpantornghor orne (n) a pioneer

e.g. N de akpantonghor orne a korsorwa kai. *I am a pioneer in this sitting.*

akpan ukwen (n) the truth

e.g. A tangha akpan ukwen? *Are you speaking the truth?*

(adj) true

e.g. U re akpan ukwen. *It is true.*

akparanja (n) a sword

Akpasang (n) an official but mistaken name for Orkpasang, a Cameroonian village of the Kororp ethnic group

akpatire (n) the last, the end, conclusion

e.g. A kpatire a biain,...
[lit. : *As a last thing*] *In conclusion,...*

(adj) the position or being last or the end.

e.g. I tap akpatire a ainain. *We have reached the end of the road.*

a kporkporor ini (adv) regularly, always

akwai (n) queen

akwana ini (adv) for a short time; for a short while

ama (n) mother; also aunt (usually going along with my/our; also meaning his/her mother)

e.g. 1. Chaina ama omi. *Greet my mother.*

2. Ama obon or reni enor. *Our mother is not in the house.*

3. Ama onyi duseeng. *His/her mother has travelled.*

a meng (pro) whose

e.g. Ebia a meng ndai? *Whose dog is this?*

ansiin (n) a hinge

ansiin ituum (n) a door hinge

amama (adj) a typical

e.g. Or re amama ornanaghi. *He/she is a typical liar.*

ama ama ama (n)
maternal grandmother

ama ama amene (n)
paternal grandmother

amamfaibairai (n) a liar

amaang (adj) [often used
derogatorily] real,
genuine, not fake or
pretended; super

e.g. 1. N ka taina ngo
amaang a biain. *I will
teach you a real lesson.*

2. Amaang a dion ndai bor
da be tonini ma a
dodonghi daingo? *Is this
a genuine gun or that made
here behind your house?*

3. Kating a re ngo amaang
orne! *You must be such a
super human!*

ama orerei (n)
grandmother

amang (adj) real; genuine;
authentic

amang ukwen (n) the
truth; honest truth

ambabadormorn (n) a
consonant

ambabantainaniin (n) a
pronoun

ambaka (adj) wet

e.g. A chang mmi ambaka
eta chai? *You give me this
wet clothes?*

ambap (n) immature type,
especially of plantain
and banana

ambei (adj) foolish

ambeet (adj) wide.
e.g. N yaani u chiork
ambeet orkpa. *I don't
like to swim in a wide river.*

ambekosai (n) a verb

ambia ibat (n) a person
who carries the
shoulders high, a proud
person

ambiani (adj) lazy
e.g. Ambiani a kwen. *A
lazy child.*

ambiap (adj) bad; ugly;
dangerous

ambin (adj) black.
e.g. Ambin eta. *Black clothes*

ambini (adj) black.
e.g. Ambini a korsorwa. *A
black chair.*

Ambin ita (n) a policeman
(a euphemism for)

ambini orne (n) Black
man

ambobi (adj) wide
e.g. Or chorm ambobi
ikung. *He/she has a wide
chest.*

ambot (adj) clean, pure

Ambot Ikung (n)
[figuratively meaning
one with a white or
pure chest] God

ambori (adj) white
e.g. N ya ambori eta. *I like
white clothes.*

amene (n) father; also
auncle
e.g. Amene omi ndai. *This is my father.*
amene amene ama (n)
maternal grandfather
amene amene amene (n)
paternal grandfather
amene orerei (n) grand
father
amfara (adj) fast, quick.
e.g. N kwaka amfafa
kenweye. *I want a fast
runner*
amfaibairai (adj) fond of
lying, lying
e.g. Amfaibairai orne. *A
lying person.*
amfebi (adj) light
e.g. Chang kwen kwor
amfebi ekpa. *Give that
child a light bag.*
aminkei (n) a relation or
relative with whom one
shares intimacy; a
general term for:
brother, sister, cousin
aminkei a buman (n)
maternal cousin
aminkei a buwon (n)
paternal cousin
aminkei oreonaton (n)
sister
aminkei oreonerom (n) a
brother
ampka (adj) pincers (of a
crab or prawn)

amkpai kaibain (n) a
tyrant
amkpam baikait (n) an
arrogant person
amkpangha (adj) acidic
e.g. Amkpangha a sokoro.
An acidic orange.
amkpiani (adj) selfish
amkpeme bikaim (n) a
security guard
amkpo (n) a traditional
society in Kororp that
represents the police
force
amkporkor (adj) weak
e.g. Amkporkor onerom.
A weak man.
amoi (n) cheating
e.g. Amamang amoi ndai.
This is real cheating.
amorngheuekwon (n) a
conjunction
amort munei (n) a
treasurer
amuntore (n) a narrator
anap (n) one who, or
something that, lacks
(see also anchormi)
anchau (adj) many; much
anchangdormorn (v) a
vowel
anchangha (n) crayfish
anchanghi (adj) dry, thin,
slim
anchor urum (n) spirit-
masquerades in Kororp
(regarded as children of

Amkpo), known more for their insulting nature, that come out by day or night and force people to lock their doors, as sign that something unusual has happened.

anchorma (n) owner

andan den (n) one blind in one eye

andeke (adj) dirty

e.g. Andeke eta. *Dirty clothes.*

andiarā (adj) saltless, bland, insipid (of food)

andiom (adj) small

aandoon (n) a crab

andoon (adj) red

andooron (n) leprosy

andon nen (n)

[figuratively] a bully, or person who frightens others into accepting deals against their will

andore (n) a variety of cocoyam usually cooked with the peelings and eaten by peeling and eating with either pepper-rich palm oil or palm oil-rich vegetable

andor benaii (n) a botanist

andor bumbet (n) a lawyer

andor buuka (n) a talent; an architect

andor dukuk da munaii (n) an accountant

andor ibat (n) a mathematician

andor ichap (n) a zoologist; a biologist

andor kaibain (n) a geographer

andor mbuk (n) a journalist

andor mbuk a kpain (n) a historian

andor muntort (n) an ornithologist

andor neeke na kpain (n) a folklorist

andor urum (n) a forester

andou (adj) heavy

e.g. A chang quona kwen quo andou ekpa chor or nwam? *You gave this little child that heavy bag to carry?*

anduki (adj) dangerous; poisonous, venomous; deadly, lethal

e.g. 1. Anduki orne o dubi. *A dangerous person does not hide.*

2. Anduki enu ndai. *This is a poisonous snake.*

3. Anduki a borkor ba afai ndai. *These are deadly weapons.*

andum (adj) smelly.

e.g. Andum enor usaing
chor? *That smelly toilet?*

aneke (adj) tasty, palatable

e.g. O sin u dia aneke a
daria dai. *He/she has
refused to eat this palatable
food.*

aneu (adj) cold; calm

anferi (adj) thin; flat

e.g. A beke anferi a
kababai kai? *Do you say
this thin plank?*

anfiba (adj) tight; narrow

e.g. 1. Anfiba eta. *Tight
clothes.*
2. Anfiba ainain. *A narrow
path.*

anghwa (n) a cat; (also
figuratively), an agile
person

anghwam donuna (n) a
porter, a person whose
service is to carry
luggage

aning (conj) since

e.g. Aning mbe raing bai
quai, mfina e deni. *Since
they too have come there is
no problem.*

ankai (adj) sour

e.g. A chang aye ankai a
borkor bai? *You give
him/her this sour food?*

ankain (n) a look-alike

e.g. Ankain ngo ndai. *This
is your look-alike.*

ankaini (adj) cunning;
clever

e.g. Ankeni a ornerom
kwor?. *That cunning
man?*

ankang (adj) big, fat, large

ankei (n) an abbreviated
and a more intimate
word for “aminkei”; a
relative with whom one
shares intimacy; a
general term for:
brother, sister, or
cousin; sibling

ankoorere (adj) bending,
twisting, winding

e.g. N yani u bung a
ankoorere ainain. *I don't
like to drive on a winding
road.*

ankorn (adj) strong; hard;
difficult.

e.g. 1. Ankorn onerom. *A
strong man,*

2. Ankorn a kui. *A hard
bone.*

3. Ankorn a duwom. *A
difficult Job.*

ankoorn-buchor (n) an
adulterer, an adultress

ankpaki (adj) poor.

e.g. Ankpaki onerom
quor? *That poor man?*

ankuk munai (n) an
accountant

ankuwi (adj) short

ankwak ukwen (n)
troublesome, aggressive
or antagonistic person
e.g. Kwen quo or de
atata ankwak ukwen.

*This child is a typical
troublesome person.*

(adj) troublesome,
aggressive, antagonistic
e.g. Kpara baquai ankwak
ukwen a kwen ma.
*Don't bring an aggressive
child here.*

ankweu (adj) sharp
e.g. Ankweu idiaii.
A sharp cutlass.

ankworp (adj) soft (e.g.
bone)

ankworor ukwen Orbasi
(n) preacher, Pastor

anhao! (inj) an expression
of fortune or good
news

anning baikait (n) a
proud person

(adj) proud

anorm (adj) beautiful;
good

e.g. Anorm aton omorng
quor? *That his beautiful
wife?*

ansaka (adj) torn

ansang (n) a frog

ansara (adj) thin

e.g. Nwam ansara iworn
ingo nyor bari ma. *Carry*

*those thin legs of yours out
of here.*

ansaiki (adj) bitter

ansai nookon (n) a farmer

ansime (adj) stupid

e.g. A ba ansime kwen quo
ngha ankuk munei? *You
employ this stupid child as
an accountant?*

ansiya (adj) stupid; dull

ansuka (adj) bushy

e.g. Meng or chorm
ansuka ekpang chai?

Who has this bushy farm?

antakchior (conj) so, for
that reason

antak a (conj) because,
because of; sake

1. N kwoba aye antak a o
biri fara dik. *I beat
him/her because she did not
return early*

2. Jises or kwa antak a
aibon. *Jesus died for our
sake.*

antadunghor (n) firstborn

antaina ainain (n) a guide

antaina baikait (adj) a
showy person

antainakochok (n) an
interjection

antainaniin (n) a noun

antainarangosai (n) an
adverb

antainarangure (n) an
adjective

atainaiyainore (n) a preposition
a ntak (conj) sake
 e.g. M baima a ntak engo. *I accepted for your sake.*
antenghe (adj) soft (e.g. rope)
antorbor (adj) muddy
antort (adj) hot.
 e.g. Antort a dion du? *This hot fire?*
antort esin (n) ill-tempered or bad-tempered person
 (adj) ill-tempered; bad-tempered; cantankerous
antort inghwa (n) a highly convincing liar
antortort (n) a hot drink
anturi (adj) blunt.
 e.g. Anturi idiaii i noormi a dusei. *A blunt cutlass is not good for slashing.*
anwa (n) a cat (a pussy cat)
anwam baikait (n) a proud person
anyam (n) a Kororp masquerade dressed in banana leaves; a male name of Kororp
ataim (n) a traditional society that represents barren people
anyeng (n) an abscess
anyenghe (adj) sweet

e.g. Anyenghe orkem quo, a sin u men? *This sweet palm wine, you refuse to drink?*
anyiri (adj) tall; long
 e.g. N ya anyiri orne. *I like a tall person.*
anyiri ini (adv) a long time; time immemorial
anyir iwoorn (n) [lit.: long feet] a trousers
anyop bene (n) a deceiver
a quai (v) [lit.: "Have you come?"] welcome (for a visitor)
arangha (adv) the way; how
 e.g. Ket arangha n sai. *Observe the way I do it/ See how I do it.*
aranghaquo (adv) now, right now, at this moment; currently; immediately
are (v) [lit.: "Are you there?"] good afternoon or good evening
a rik (v) welcome [lit.: "Have you returned?"] (for a resident)
arukanyor (n) [from Eja.] a beard
arum (n) a sperm; sperms
asaam (n) a spear
asen (art) the
 e.g. Orne asen a?

Where is the person?
asik (adj) [also Eja.] not,
 it's not; but for
 e.g. 1. Mmorng asik.
It's not him/ her.
 2. Airaing mmorng asik
 kun mbiri yeu orkpa
 quor. *But for him/ her I*
would not have crossed that
river.
ata (v) were...alright
 e.g. Ata mmorng kun ta o
 buki. *Were he alright he*
would have been up by now.
antakchior (conj)
 thereore; thus; for that
 reason
 e.g. N na fikiri dor kwa a
 chana u sai, antakchior
 n dorni unyangha a n
 ka chang ngo. *I don't*
really know what you plan
to do, for that reason I
don't know what help to
give you
atata (adv) really, typical
 e.g. O re atata kwen a bak.
He/ she is really a young
child.
atoon (n) wife; also simply
 meaning his wife
 e.g. 1. Atoon orne ndior.
That is someone's wife.
 2. Atoon omi ndai. *This is*
my wife.
 3. Atoon ormorng ndai? *Is*
this his wife?

ata utaip (n) a hunter
awaiwait (n) cartilage, soft
 bone - commonly
 known as biscuit bone
 e.g. Atoon omi orya u dia
 awaiwait. *My wife likes to*
eat soft bone.
awawa [from Efi.] (n) sea
 waves; tide; high tide
awewet (v) a pest, pests
 (especially animals of
 the rodent group)
 e.g. Awewet or chaawi
 kpai a dusai du. *There*
are too many pests in this
village/ community.
Ayaang (n) a Kororp
 female name
a yaini (v) [lit.: *have you*
(sing.) woken up?] good
 morning
ayaya na ayani (v) like it
 or not
 e.g. Ayaya na ayani, a
 chorm u taba mmi
 aranghaquo. *Like it or*
not, you have to follow me
now.
aye (pro) him, her
 e.g. Be chang aye din antak
 a orkporsorng a
 dumeen. *They have given*
him a name because of
excessive drinking.
ayikwai (adv) nowadays;
 these days; present
 generation

e.g. Mini mu norba kpai
ayikwai. *The rain is falling
too much nowadays.*

ayo (n) A Kororp
moonlight dance or
performance that
involves males and
females

ayoo! (inj) an expression
of praise for a good
performance

ayoyo (n) [from Inani
Ayoyo or Ayoyo Rock],
a euphemism for
greatness,
magnificence; a great
person, a great

e.g. Nke are ayoyo, kpara
numene mmi. *Even if
you were a great, don't try it
on me.*

Bb

ba (v) take; own; marry;
use

e.g. 1. Duwom dor du ka
ba ngo ini iwang? *How
long will that job take you?*

2. Ba ekpa chor cha a
kpemi mmi. *Own the bag
you borrowed from me.*

3. Or kwaka u ba mmi.
He/she wants to marry me.

4. Ba munork mor. *Use that
salt.*

(adv) that; what

e.g. 1. Biain ba N kwaka
ndai. *This is the thing that
I want/ have been searching
for.*

2. N ning biain ba N
kwaka. *I have seen what I
want/ have been searching
for.*

(prep) of

e.g. Ben ba onerom quor
ndai. *These are the children
of that man.*

(adv) since

e.g. M ba mana N na ning
enyi a mini. *Since I was
born I have not seen a
hippopotamus.*

(conj) before

e.g. Chooya a ba quai.
Bathe before you come.

baaba (v) lean against.

e.g. Baba a dubut. *Lean
against the wall.*

baabi (v) peel off or
detach continuously
(especially objects with
flat surfaces); palpitate
e.g. 1. Kpara baabi coong
ka kainaii kor. *Don't peel
off the bark of that tree.*

1. Kpara sai esin e baabi
mmi. *Don't make my
heart to palpitate.*

baabi esin (v) panic

baabiri (v) palpitating

baakara (v) make wet

e.g. Kwen kwor or baakara
mmi kpat. *That child has
wet me completely.*

baakpak (n) poor people;
the poor

e.g. Nyangha bakpak. *Help
the poor.*

baama (n) mothers

e.g. Baama baibon ndai.
These are our mothers.

baat (v) stand; halt

e.g. Baat mandior.
Stand/ halt there.

baat taak (v) stall, stalled;
halt, halted

baba (v) add; follow
behind; born after;
support; second

babi (v) peel off, detach
(done quickly,
especially to objects
with flat surfaces)

baboong (n) the people of
Aboong

babuka (n) craftsmen;
architects; artists,
talents

babukoi (n) fishermen

babukpaan (n) selfishish
people

ba buqun (v) get or
become pregnant

e.g. Or ka ba buqun. *She
will become pregnant.*

(adj) pregnant

e.g. Or ba buqun. *She is
pregnant.*

bacha (pro) people's
e.g. Ben ba bacha. *People's
children.*

badukpak (n) poor or
impoverished people
(adj) poor; impoverished

bafat (n) twins

bai (pro) these; these ones
e.g. Ben baimi bai ka yeu
uromo umbe. *These my
children will pass their
exams.*

(v) praise; congratulate;
commend; worship;
extol; honor

e.g. U normi u bai ben be
nuu u but ainain. *It is
good to commend children
who aim for success.*

baibon (pro) our; ours
(for plural possessions)

e.g. 1. Borkor baibon ndai.
These are our things.

2. Bene baibon ndai. *These
are our people.*

baikait (n) body

baikait a? (v) how are
you?

baikait baingo a? (v) how
are you?

baikait baingo (pro)
yourself

baima (v) accept,
accepted; agree, agreed;
admit, admitted;
consent, consented;
believe, believed

e.g. 1. M baima. *I accept/I
have accepted*

2. M baima a Omuna
Obasi. *I believe in the
Lord God.*

baimi (pro) my; mine (for
plural possessions)

e.g. Ben baimi ndai. *These
are my children.*

bain (v) put an injunction

bainaii (n) trees; sticks

e.g. N tou ekese a bainaii a
dokon daimi. *I have
planted many trees in my
farm.*

baingo (pro) your, yours
(singular pronoun for
plural possessions)

e.g. 1. Borkor baingo ndai?
Are these your things?

2. Beken baingo be quai.

Your visitors have come.

baikpiya (n) orphans

baira (v) light; illuminate

e.g. Mbork, baira dion dor.

Please, light that lamp/fire.

bairere (v) raise, raise up;

take up; promote; exalt

bairuk (adj) another (for nouns beginning with “be”, “ba”, “bor” or “bo”); some

e.g. 1. Borkor bairuk ndai.

Here are other things.

2. Bene bairuk bai kaik

tatana kor. *Some people have gone that way.*

baisit (n) babysitters

bait (v) climb especially a tree, a hill or mountain; ascend, rise

e.g. e.g. A keme u bait kenai kor? *Can you climb that tree?*

baisin (n) livers

bak (adj) fresh; young

e.g. 1. I kwaka chaap a bak.

I want fresh meat.

2. O re kwen a bak. *He/she is a young child.*

baka (adj) wet, drenched

e.g. Ita nyi i baka. *These clothes are wet.*

baka baka (adj) soaking wet

e.g. O dioni quai na ita i baka baka. *He came in with clothes wet.*

bakaka (n) giant pangolins (a specified number of)

bakang (adj) quills (a specified number of)

e.g. N chorm bakang ba chioop dio. *I have ten porcupine quills.*

bakani (n) ghosts, aparisions; ancestors

bakara (v) to turn oneself or someone round in a lying position

bakara...inum (v) betray
e.g. Ntanga chang ngo u tibe aranghaquo, nnangha kpara bakara mmi inum. *I am telling you what is happening now, but don't betray me.*

bakikuku (n) weaklings
e.g. A koono bakikuku bai a ben? *You refer to these weaklings as children?*

bakpa (n) a Durup name for Ejagham or Banyangi people

e.g. I chorm uben na bakpa. *We have a boundary with the Ejagham.*

bakpain (n) ancient people; ancestors

e.g. Bakpain be taina ibon ndai, kun I biri dor. *It is*

*the ancestors that have
taught us like this, we
would not have known.*

bakpak (n) forked sticks,
two-pronged sticks
used for holding up a
pole or poles (a
specified number of)

bambekosai (n) verbs

bambin ita (n) policemen
(a euphemism for)

ba meng (pro) whose
e.g. Buria ba meng ndai?

Whose yams are these?

bameng (pro) who (in
plural)

e.g. Bameng ndior? *Who
are those?*

bami (v) open especially a
bag, or anything
structured like a bag, or
mouth.

e.g. Kpara bami ingwha
ingo daing. *Don't open
your mouth again.*

baminkei (n) relations—
brothers, sisters, ousins

baminkei ba buman (n)
maternal cousins

bambabadormorn (n)
consonants

baminkei ba buwon (n)
paternal cousins

bamkpeme bikaim (n)
security guards

bamorngheneukwen (n)
conjunctions

ban (v) sex

banana (v) get engaged in
sex (for several people
to)

banababantainaniin (n)
promouns

banchangdormorn (n)
vowels

bandor benaii (n)
botanists

bandor buuka (n) talents

bandor dukuk da muniei
(n) accountants

bandor ibat (n)
mathematicians

bandor ichap (n)
zoologists; biologists

bandor kaibain (n)
geographers

bandor mbuk (n)
journalists

bandor muntort (n)
ornithologists

bandor mbuk kpain (n)
historians

bandor neeke na kpain
(n) folklorists

bandor urum (n) foresters

bangha (adj) about,
concerning
e.g. Nke mbuk e bangha
aye? *Not even news about
him/her?*

bankpantornghor ba

bene (n) pioneers

e.g. I re bakpantornghor
ba bene a kormbaani
quo. *We are pioneers in
this company.*

bang (v) serves someone
(you) right.

e.g. A bang. *It serves you
right*

bangha (inf.v) about;
concerning

e.g. 1. Ufaikere quu u
bangha mmung? *What
is this argument about?*

2. Erequa a kpanghi biain
bu bangha mmi, num
be kona mmi. *If you hear
anything concerning me,
send for me.*

(conj) in regard to;
involving

banghwam donuna (n)
porters, people whose
service is to carry
luggage

bangworo (n) the people
of Ngworo

bani (v) become/get well,
became:got well;
recover from an illness,
recovered from an
illness

e.g. Akam omi or de a ngo
afara bani. *My prayer is
for you to get well soon.*

bankain (n) look-alikes

bankondup (n) the people
of Nkondup

bansai nokon (n) farmers
e.g. Bata utaip be chau
kpai bansai nokon a
dusai du. *Hunters are
more in number than
farmers in this village.*

bantak (n) insects (a
specified number of)

bantaina (n) teachers

bantaina ainain (n)
guides

bantainakochok (n)
interjections

bantainaniin (n) nouns

bantainarangosai (n)
adverbs

bantainarangure (n)
adjectives

batainaiyainore (n)
prepositions

bantem (v) companions;
colleagues; ounterparts;
[implied] others

e.g. Bantem be tornghor
etoowa. *Others have
started plantings.*

baquai (v) bring; brought
e.g. Baquai mini mor ma.
Bring that water here.

bari (v) leave.

e.g. Bari aranghaquo. *Leave
now.*

bari chang (v) forgive,
forgave, forgiven;
pardon, pardoned

e.g. M bari chang mboon.

I have forgiven you.

bari mandio chang (v)

forgive, pardon.

e.g. Bari mandio chang

mmi. *Forgive me.*

baria (adj) yams (a

specified number of)

e.g. Baria bawang a dewe a

munaii mor? *How many*

yams have you bought for

that amount?

batake (n) a ladder

basak (adj) rattles (musical

instruments; (a

specified number of)

batan ba diat (n) jaw

bones

batana (n) sides, areas,

quarters

bata utaip (v) hunters

baton (n) women

e.g. Nik borom na batom

be simini. *Let men and*

women assemble.

ba ufen (v) suffer,

suffered

e.g. Be ba ufen kpai. *They*

have suffered too much.

bawa (n) short-snouted

crocodiles (a specified

number of)

bayo (n) people, especially

of doubtful character

(usually followed by be

[these] or bor [those])

e.g. Bayo bor nyenene?

Those people again?

be (n) they

e.g. 1. Be ka sai nning ko

be bait tap ma? *What*

will they do in order to

climb up to this point?

2. Be re mmang? *Where are*

they?

bebe (v) fly, flew; fly away,

flew away; jump,

jumped

e.g. 1. Itort nyor i kementi

u bebe. *That bird cannot*

fly.

2. A keme u bebe ikit? *Can*

you jump (do) high jump?

bebere (v) cause to fly

away; release (a bird)

e.g. 1. Kpara bebere itort

imi. *Don't cause my bird to*

fly away.

2. Bebere itort nyor. *Release*

that bird.

beebi (v) fly or jump

repeatedly; flying

e.g. Kwen itort nyor I

tornghor u beebi. *That*

nestling has started flying.

beebiri (v) flying

e.g. Muntort my beebiri a

echong a dubut. *Birds*

are flying in the sky.

beet (adj) wide

e.g. Orkpa, bu beet!

The river, so wide!

(v) mud (the walls of) a house; that is make the walls of a traditional house by plastering the framework with mud
 e.g. Batoon be dor u beet enor. *Women know how to mud a house.*

befain (n) people; the people of; supporters; team members; acquaintances; relatives
 e.g. Befain aimi ndai. *Here are my people.*

bee (v) are not; have not; will not
 e.g. 1. Bee reni ma. *They are not here.*
 2. Bee choormi nkwet a dono. *They don't have identity cards/passports.*
 3. Bee ri quai. *They will not come.*

beeri neen (adj) naïve (esp. to the point of trusting people with whom one is not familiar)
 e.g. Kwen ongo or beeri neen kpai. *Your child is too naïve.*

beet neen (v) be naïve (esp. to the point of trusting people with whom one is not familiar)

e.g. Kpara beet neen. *Don't be naïve.*

beghe (v) arrive, arrived (usually a person or people awaited); sail ashore, sailed ashore (usually a canoe, boat or ship)
 e.g. 1. Baifain ba Ekorn be beghe. *The people of Ekon have arrived.*
 2. Uwan ungo ta u beghe. *Your canoe has sailed ashore.*

bei (v) belch; behave foolishly
 e.g. 1. Meng or bei ndior? *Who belched like that?*
 2. Kpara bei. *Don't behave foolishly.*
 (adj) foolish
 e.g. Kating a bei? *Are you foolish?*

bek (v) tell, told; say, said; instruct, instructed; ask, asking, asked
 e.g. 1. Bek mbe a ta N kwe. *Tell them that I have come.*
 2. Akwaka u bek mmung? *What do you want to say.*
 3. Bek mbe kwa be ka sai buki baat. *Instruct them what to do.*
 4. M bek (mbe) ma be yen. *I have asked them to go.*

beke (v) tell, telling, told;
say, saying, said;
instruct, instructing,
instructed; ask, asking,
asked

e.g. 1. M beke ngo
mmung? a) *What are you
telling them?* b) *What did I
tell you?*

2. A beke mmung? a) *What
are you saying.* b) *What did
you say?*

3. M bek mbe kwa be ka
sai. *I have instructed them
what to do.*

4. M beke ma be yen. *I am
asking them to go.*

beken (n) strangers;
visitors

e.g. Bu biri de daing beken
ma. *You are no longer
strangers here.*

bekorn (n) the people of
Ekorn

bekornganaku (n) the
people of Ekornganaku

bekork (n) a bed

e.g. A rere a bekork kpat
aranghakwo? *You are in
bed up until now?*

bekorn (n) the people of
Ekon

bekpiya (n) orphans

bembe (pro) their; their
(for plural possessions)

e.g. Borkor bembe ndai.
These are their things.

bemorning (pro) his/her/it;
his/hers/its (for plural
possessions)

e.g. Borkor bemorning ndai.
These are his/ her things.

bemboon (pro) your,
yours (in plural)

e.g. Borkor bemboon ndai.
These are your things.

ben (n) children

ben ba bak (n) babies

ben ba sokoro (n) limes

ben ba buman (n)
maternal nephews or
nieces

ben ba buwon (n)
paternal nephews or
nieces

ben ba enor (n) servants

ben ba opko (n) assistants
to a hunter or hunters
responsible for carrying
the meat and other
items

benborchorn (n) young
children

e.g. Bayo be bere atata
benborchorn. *These
people are really very young
children.*

(adj) young; youth (in
plural)

bene (n) people

bene ba enork (n)
soldiers

bene ba ita (n) law
enforcement officers

bene ba ukut (n) the marginalised; the disadvantaged; the underprivileged; the deprived; the needy

benghee (v) branch; branch off

e.g. N ka benghee enor a mborya omi. *I will branch to my buddy's house.*

bere (v) are; fine (response to “baikait a?”), e.g. nouns that begin with “ba”, “be” and “bo” go with “bere”

(adj) available

berere (v) widen, open wide

beruk (adj) another, other (for nouns beginning with “be”)

e.g. Bene beruk bere ndor. *There are other people there.*

beya (v) they like, they love or they are in support

(n) male name meaning the same as the verbal expression

beyani (v) they don't like, they don't love or they are not in support of

(n) female name that means the same as the verbal expression

bia (v) carry

biaan (v) break (into pieces, e.g. a bottle)

e.g. A kpara biaan akarasi kwor. *Don't you break that glass.*

(n) medicine

e.g. Kwen quo or yani u ba bian. *This child does not like to take medicine.*

biaan ba dayawa (n) love charm

biabi (adj) bad

biai (v) split, splitting (by hitting on the ground e.g. wood); clap

e.g. 1. Biai imet nyor a chang mmi. *Split that wood for me.*

2. Biai ibor bu chang aye. *Clap hands for him/her.*

biai ibor (v) clap hands, applaud, cheer

bia ibat (v) carry your shoulders high, be proud

biak (v) break many things; to crack (e.g. egusi)

e.g. 1. Or biak bukpeme. *He/she has broken the bottles.*

2. Aton omi or biak ikon. *My wife has cracked egusi.*

biaam (n) medium sized fish with small mouths and something like crawl-crawl on their

noses; hence the pidgin name of “craw-craw nose”

bian (n) zincs, corrugated roofing sheets

bianini (adj) lazy

e.g. Kwen quor or bianini
That child is lazy.

biantum (adv) unawares; abruptly

e.g. 1. O kuba mmi
biantum, nkwor u sai or
bieni mmi a bukei.
*He/she took me unawares,
which is he/she threw me
down.*

2. Mini mu wiriri biantum,
nkendior N keme u toi
ita imi a utung ko I de
baaka. *The rain poured
abruptly, but I was able to
remove my clothes from
outside before they got wet.*

biain (n) something; a thing; a lesson

e.g. 1. Biain bu reni enor.
*There is nothing in the
house.*

2. A ka dia biain? *Will you
eat something?*

3. N ka taina ngo biain. *I
will teach you a lesson.*

biain ba afai (n) a weapon

biain ba durup (n) a
secret

biain ba mbet (n)
contraband goods

e.g. Norborn ne de biain
bam bet. *Cartridges are
contraband goods.*

biap (v) be bad

e.g. Aning bu kemeni u
toro kwa N sai, N ka
tornghor u biab. *Since
you cannot commend my I
am doing, I shall start to be
bad.*

bien (v) throw, threw,
thrown; throw away,
threw away, thrown
away; pour, poured;
pour away, poured
away; dispose, disposed
of

bien...a bukei (v)
(figuratively) let down,
disappoint

e.g. Kpara bien ibon a
bukei. *Don't disappoint
us/ Don't let us down.*

biere (v) judge; pass a
judgment

bifokoro (n) lungs

bifu (n) herbs used
especially for medicine

bii (v) there is no, are not;
have not; will not

e.g. 1. Bikum bii reni
daing. *There is no bikum
again.*

2. Biini bii chawi daing.
Ants are not many again.

3. Tornghor tornhor ini
nyor, biini bii na quai

daing ma. *Since that time, ants have not come here again.*

bika (v) to shake (e.g. object including a human); jingle (e.g. a bell)

e.g. 1. Erequa a bika kainaii kor echimi e ka wiriri. *If you shake that tree the fruits will pour.*

2. Bika nkarika chor ko be tire kaichim. *Jungle the bell so that they stop the noise.*

bikaim (n) parts, portions, spots

e.g. Tuk chaap vhor a bikaim biwan. *Share that meat into two parts.*

bikondokondo (n) the people of Ikondokondo

bikum (n) a solitary masquerade, unaccompanied by humans, that announces the harvest of plums each year and marks the end of Efeng festival

bikuut (n) ramshackles (buildings near collapse); a bad omen

e.g. A Kororp u re bikuut u nenene na okongha. *In Kororp, it is a bad omen to encounter a chameleon.*

biim (v) pull continuously, drag

biini (n) ants

biinghene (v) roll (continuously over a distance, especially a log)

e.g. Nik i biinghene kikukum ki. *Let us roll this stump.*

biinghini (v) roll; wriggle
e.g. N ya u biinghini a kornorngha kaimi. *I like to roll in my bed.*

biiri (aux. v) would have
e.g. M biiri quai. *I would have come.*

bima (v) pull (once or briefly)

bimbe (pro) their; theirs (for plural possessions)

e.g. Bian biimbe ndai. *These are their basins/sheets of zinc.*

bimi (pro) my; mine (for plural possessions)

e.g. Bian bimi ndior. *Those are my basins/sheets of zinc.*

bimorng (pro) his/her/it; his/hers/its (for plural possessions)

e.g. Bian bimorng ndai. *These are his/her basins/sheets of zinc.*

bin (v) linger around

e.g. A rere u bin ma? *You are still lingering around here?*

binghebinghene (adj)

low; lowly

bini (v) sigh; linger round; transform into a totem

e.g. 1. A bini mmung ma? *Why are you lingering round here?*

2. A sai N ka bini ekwe aranghaquo. *If you joke I will transform into a leopard right now.*

binini (v) sighing

e.g. A binini mmung? *Why are you sighing?*

bingha (v) go down, descend

e.g. A ka keme u bingha orbereng quor? *Will you be able to descend that valley?*

binghene (v) lower; depose; turn down especially the volume of sound or the intensity of light; reduce/ bring down/cut down (the cost or price of)

e.g. 1. Be binghene aye kabara. *They have reduced his rank*

2. Be binghene aye. *He has been disposed.*

3. Binghene utoninkang quor. *Turn down that lamp.*

4. Mbork, binghene okum. *Please, cut down the cost/price.*

binghene baikait (v)

condescend; be humble

e.g. O sin u binghene baikait u chorma nneme na baifain ba duwom bemorng. *He has refused to condescend to have a dialogue with his workers.*

bingo (pro) you, yours (singular pronoun, for plural possessions)

e.g. Bian bingo ndai. *These are you basins/sheets of zinc.*

binun (n) bile

bioi (v) hire; use, utilise, exploit

e.g. 1. Bioi mbe u sai duwom duwom dungo. *Hire them to do your work.*

2. M bioi seng idiai ingo u ne ekpang aimi. *I sometimes use your cutlass to clear my farm.*

3. Or bioi ifiork ibon u sai dowom dor. *He/she exploits our technique to do the job.*

(adj) cold

e.g. Bioi bu nu nne. *I feel cold.*

(n) a cold

e.g. Bioi bu kuba nne. *I have a cold.*

biook (n) brows

biook ba nenn (n) eye brows

e.g. N ya ansuka a biook ban en bungo bor. *I love those bushy eye brows of yours.*

bioong (n) shells (of tortoises, snails or nuts); peelings (of banana, plantain, cassava); skins or hides (of animals), barks (of trees)

bioong ba inghwa (n) lips

biop (n) porcupines

bire (inf. v) are e.g. words that begin with “bi”, including “bian” which is the plural of “tian”, excepting “bian” which means medicine”, go with “bire”

biri (inf. v) does not; did not

e.g. M biri quai. *I did not come.*

biri de (inf.v) am not, is not, are not, was nor, were not

e.g. M biri de orne a nsu. *I am not a liar.*

biruk (adj) another, other (for nouns that begin with “bi”)

e.g. Biini biruk bi dion. *Other ants have entered.*

bito (adv) a while ago

e.g. O quai ma bito. *He/she came here a while ago.*

bitum (n) huts

e.g. I ning ekese a bitum urum qu. *We have seen many huts in this forest.*

biunn (n) axes

biyobiyoyo (n) two masquerades during efeng that reflect loving couples; (figuratively) a loving couple or loving couples.

e.g. Onerom quor na aton omorng be re amamang a biyobiyoyo. *That man and his wife are a typical loving couple.*

bobobiri (n) sheets (specified number) of paper

boduki [also boruki] (n) cruel, evil, wicked or dangerous persons; villains; criminals

bofi (n) mortgage

e.g. Or kwaka u chang ita imorng a bofi. *He wants*

to give out his clothes in mortgage.

boi (v) take care of; bring up, especially a family
e.g. A keme u boi enor?

Can you bring up a family?

bok (v) mould
e.g. Bok bunang Bor.

Mould that fufu.

bokit (n) head-tie; head scarf

bokor ba urum (n)
natural resources;
species

boma (v) spread out, for example, a mat; make a bed

e.g. Boma uboong quor ma. *Spread out that mat here.*

bonum (n) elders; the old

bonumwok (n) red colobus monkeys (a specified number of)
e.g. Bai buut bonumwok dio. *They have shot ten red colobus monkeys.*

booma (v) usually derogatorily used as command for a huge person or large animal to lie prostrate

boonghene (v) wander around aimlessly; wandering

boonum (n) elders

e.g. Kpono boonum.

Respect elders.

bondru (n) [from Eng] a bail especially of zinc
e.g. N ka deu bondru a tian orwaan. *I will buy two bails of zinc.*

bononoki (n) drunkards
e.g. N yani u wana na bononoki. *I don't like to associate with drunkards.*

bor (conj) or; whether
e.g. 1. A kwaka nkwet bor inaii a nkwet? *Do you want a book or a pen?*
2. N doorni bor or ka quai. *I don't know whether he will come.*

(pro) those; those ones
e.g. Ubangha ben baingo bor, ta i chorma aidiami u kpe mbe munaii. *Concerning those your children, we have a plan to pay them some money.*

(prep) that
e.g. Biain bor? *That thing?*

bora (adj) clean; become clean

e.g. 1. Usan qwor u bora? *Is the plate clean?*

2. O bora yen. *He/she has become clean a little/bit.*

bori (adj) clean

e.g. Ita nyor i bori? *Are those clothes clean?*

(v) made

e.g. Meng o bori ngo? *Who made you?*

bork (v) plait (hair);
weave, especially a
traditional cage of palm
fronds

e.g. 1. Mmung a yani u
bork nin ningo? *Why don't you like plaiting your hair?*

2. N doni u bork dubeng. *I don't know how to weave a cage.*

borkor (n) things, items;
property

borkor ba afai (n)
weapons

**borkor ba afai be keme
u dima kabain** (n)
weapons of mass
destruction

borkor ba kpain (n)
artefacts

borkor bokum (n) articles
of trade

borkorkoi (n) kingfishers;
(figuratively) skilled
fishermen

borkoryorng (n) the
people of Orkoryorng

borkpasang (n) the
people of Orkpasang

borkporkobait (n) the
people of Okporkobait

borl (n) (from Eng.) ball

borng (v) pray

borng akam (v) say
prayers

bornorngi (n) maggots (a
specified number of)

bornoor (n) nails (finer or
toe nails) (a specified
number of)

bornornoormi (n) dancers

borom (n) men

boror (v) answer,
answered; respond,
responded, reply,
replied

e.g. A na boror mmi a kwa
nwingha ngo. *You have not responded to what I hinted you.*

boorng (v) wait, wait for
e.g. Boorng ibon I seng
kiroorng. *Wait for us to travel together.*

bororp (n) people of
Kororp

bortor (n) singers

boruki [also boduki] (n)
cruel, evil, wicked or
dangerous persons;
villains; criminals

borsorwa (n) chairs, sofas
(a specified number of)

bot (v) make; create;
manufacture; invent

e.g. Orne or kemeni u bot
orne. *A man cannot create a man.*

bowa (v) waste, spoil,
destroy, damage; spend

bowa ini (v) waste time,
delay, hesitate, tarry,
procrastinate
bowowomi (n) hard-
working people
e.g. U normi u kpe
bowowomi kpai babian.
*It is good to pay
hardworking people more
than lazy people.*
bu (pro) you (the plural);
this; this one
e.g. 1. Bu re. [lit.: *Are you
there?*] *Good afternoon
/ Good evening.*
2. Bu ka quai? *Will you
come?*
3. Ngo biaian bu. *You this
thing.*
(adv) so many, so much
e.g. 1. Bene, bu chau.
People, so many.
2. Daria, bu chau! *Food, so
much!*
buba (n) blouse
bubam (n) pockets
bubanana (n) bananas
(the trees)
bubaabi esin (v)
palpitation
bubaii (n) ugliness
bubeb (n) storms
e.g. Ini a bubeb ndai. *This
is a period for storms.*
bubeet neen (n) naïvity
(esp. to the point of
trusting people with

whom one is not
familiar)
bubia (n) dogs; pottos
bubian (n) laziness
bubiap emana (n) bad
behaviour
bubiap esin (n) bad-
heartedness
bubobi (n) width
bubobiri (n) sheets (of
paper)
bubon (pro) our; ours
buboop (n) wings
bubot (n) cleanliness
bubura (inf.v.) mean or
means
e.g. Uta bu biaian bubura
nning? *This sort of thing
means what? / What does
this sort of thing mean?*
buchichik (n) extreme
fright or fear
e.g. Buchichik bu kuba mi
ini a N ning ebeng or
dia chaap koorp. *I was
gripped by fright when I saw
the way he was eating meat
raw.*
buchor (n) snails; adultery
(in plural)
buchoror (n) rattles worn
round the ankles and
used for dancing to
produce the sound
buchooya (n) the act of
bathing; a bath

e.g. I nyi buchooya. *Let's go for a bath.*

buchoya koron (n)

fairness of the skin

budia inwha (n) taunting, boasting aimed, at overwhelming an oponent or oponents

e.g. Ntem ongo quo orya budia inwha. *This your friend is so fond of taunting.*

budiara (adv) saltless (of food); bland

e.g. N yani u dia borkor budiara. *I don't like eating food saltless.*

buroror (n) [see also buroror] knowledge, understanding; cleverness; intelligence; shrewdness; wisdom

bufebi (n) lightness; buoyancy

bui (v) stir continuously; prepare food by chopping into smaller pieces with the use of a small mortar stick, for instance cocoyams into a kind of pudding; pollute (especially water)

1. e.g. Bui erop chor. *Stir that soup.*

2. Bui ekon idio. *Prepare ekon idio (or cocoyam pudding)*

3. Kwen quor or ka bui mini mor. *That child will pollute that water.*

(n) bones

e.g. Bubia buy a bui. *Dogs like bones.*

bui bui (adj) bony; skinny, thin, emaciated; all skin and bones

e.g. O ki re bui bui. *He/she is now all skin and bones.*

bui ba itang (n) ribs

buk (v) tell, told, inform, informed, report, reported

e.g. Buk ibom u tibe. *Tell us what happened.*

bukai (n) sour, sour taste feeling of acidic taste

bukaina (n) resemblance

bukaini (n) cunning; cleverness

bukaka (n) giant pangolins

bukam (n) plantains (the trees)

bukang (n) quills

bukei (n) ground, land, earth

bukeme (n) embers, hot charcoal

bukemika [from Eng.] (v) chemicals

bukere (v) help someone or something up from a lying position;

resuscitate or bring
back to life
buki (v) stand, stand up;
wake, wake up;
resurrect
bukikere (n) thoughts;
ideas
bukiichin [from Eng.] (n)
kitchens
bukorma (n) the act of
rubbing the body with
oil
bukormi (n) the art of
building; the style
of tying
bukormbani (n)
companies
bukorn baikait (n)
strength; good health
e.g. 1. A chorm mmung
bukorn baikai ko a
kwaka u nwam andou a
donuna dai? *What
strength do you have that
you want to carry this heavy
load?*
2. Orbasi or chang mmi
bukorn baikait. *God has
given me good health.*
bukorn dono (n)
stubbornness; obstinacy
bukorn esin (n) bravery;
perseverance,
endurance, stoicism,
courage
bukorn nen (n)
smartness; ability of not

being easily cheated or
deceived
bukot dono (n) headache;
trouble
bukon kiro (n) difficulty
of behaviour,
naughtiness
bukpa (n) bags
bukpaan (n) selfishness
bukpaai (n) combs
bukpai (n) rings
bukpaikaibain (n)
tyranny
bukpaiki (n) sewing
bukpak (n) forked sticks,
two-pronged sticks
used for holding up a
pole or poles
bukpam baikait (n)
arrogance
bukpiya (n) the condition
of being an orphan
bukpokpo (n) nails (metal
pieces)
bukpoorka (n) brownish
teeth due to prolonged
coating from food
particles and lack of
dental care
bukporkor (n) weakness,
lacking the strength to
fight
bukporor (n) harloting,
promiscuity
bukuwi (n) shortness
bukuwiri (n) hairs
bukwa (n) impotence

bukwak (n) star fish
bukwa baikait (n)
 surprise; astonishment;
 a shock
bukwe (n) leopards;
 different branches of the
 highest traditional
 society
 e.g. 1. Bukwe bu de urum
 quu? *Are there leopards in
 this forest?*
 2. O dion bukwe kpat bu
 chun. *He has been
 initiated into very branch of
 Ewke.*
bukwem (n) fish, fishes
bukwai (n) thorns;
 branches of fallen tree
bukwom (n) infertility,
 barrenness
bukwop (n) scales
bumaat (n) scars
buman (n) birth (by a
 woman)
bumanko (n) mango trees
bumbe (pro) their, theirs
 (plural pronoun for
 singular or plural
 possessions)
 e.g. 1. Biain bumbe ndior.
That is their thing.
 2. Bukam bumbe ndai.
These are their plantains.
bumbet (n) policies;
 regulations; laws,
 bylaws; rules

Bumbet ba Orbasi (n)
 The commandments of
 God
bumboon (pro) your,
 yours (in plural, when
 “biain” is the signal
 word)
bumbume (n) questions
 e.g. Buu aye bumbune.
Ask him/her questions.
bumbuni (n) lame people;
 the lame
bumpontong (n) throats
bumpork (n) lizards
bumpuk (adj) blind
 e.g. N taaree bumpuk. *I
 was blind.*
 (adv) blindly
 e.g. U noormi u sai biain
 bumpuk. *It is not good to
 do things blindly.*
 (n) blindness
 e.g. Bumpuk bu noormi.
Blindness is not good.
bumpuk bumpuk
 (adv) blindly
bumi (pro) my, mine (for
 singular or plural
 possession)
 e.g. 1. Biain bumi ndai.
This is my thing.
 2. Buria bumi ndior. *Those
 are my yams.*
bumork (n) an illness,
 illnesses; a sickness,
 sicknesses

bumorng (pro) his, her, it;
his, hers, its (for plural
possession)

e.g. Bukam bumorng
ndior. *Those are his/her
plantains.*

bumooto (n) motors,
vehicles, cars, lorries

bunaami (n) sheep

bunaang (n) fufu

buna ba dukpewi (n)
subjects; branches of
learning

e.g. 1. A kpewiri mmung
buna ba dukpewi a enor
a nkwet? *Which subjects
are you studying in school?*

2. Nkwet e chorm ekese a
buna ba dukpewi.
*Education has branches of
learning.*

bunanau (n) crawl-crawl

bunang ukwak (n)
bicycles

bunchokoro (adj) naked;
red handed

e.g. N kuba aye
bunchokoro. *I caught
him/her red handed.*

bunchori (n) a game
played, with fruits in
lieu of balls, like ping-
pong

buneke esin (n) joy,
joyousness;
cheerfulness; happiness,
jubilation; delight

buneke ingwa (n) sweet-
tongue; flattery

bung (v) drive; paddle;
pilot

e.g. A keme u bung
mooto? *Can you drive a
car?*

bungha (v) driving, drove;
paddling, paddled;
piloting, piloted

e.g. Meng o bungha uwan
quor? *Who is paddling
that canoe?*

bunghene (v) drive;
paddle; pilot (done
often)

e.g. M bunghene uwan
umi kpokpora okum. *I
paddle my canoe every week.*

bunghini (v) rub; caress

bungo (pro) your, yours
(singular pronoun, for
singular or plural
possession)

e.g. 1. Biain bungo ndai? *Is
this your thing?*

2. Buka bungo ndai? *Is this
your art work?*

3. Butoma bungo ndai.
These are your containers.

bungyenghe ingwha (n)
(lit.: sweet mouth)
sweet-tongue; flattery

buninghene (n)
familiarity;
acquaintance

bunkarinka (n) bells;
clocks
bunkarika ba ubor (n)
wrist watches
bunkon (n) owls; mud
fish (plurals of)
bunkoorn (n) joints
bunkpaka (n) buttons
bunkpanyan (n) rings
bunndiise (n) shows;
spectacles; displays;
exhibitions
bunning baikait (n) pride
bunoork (n) a bush cats
bunoorm (n) goodness
e.g. Ini u taina bunorm
bubon ndai asik. *This is
not the time to demonstrate
our goodness.*
(adj) beautiful; good
e.g. Kwen bunorm! *What a
beautiful child!*
bunoorm emaana (n)
good manners, good
behaviour
bunorm esin (n) good-
heartedness; kindness
bunoorm kiro (n) good
behaviour
bunoornga (n) beds; sex
bunoort (n) nails (of
fingers or toes)
bonorngghi (n) maggots
bunork (n) fights; wars
bunkwet (n) books; letters

bunkwet ba dono (n) (lit.:
books of the head)
identity cards; passports
bunsuk ikang (n) ships
buntak (n) insects
buntonini (n) worms
bunu (n) snakes
bunum (n) old age
bunumwok (n) red
colobus monkeys
bunning baikait (n) pride
buntonini (n) worms
bunuum (n) millipedes
bunwam baikait (n) pride
bunyang (n) fartings
bunyenghe (adj) sweet
e.g. Orkem, bunyenghe!
Palm wine, so sweet!
(n) sweetness
e.g. Kpara a taba
bunyenghe ba orkem
quor. *Don't follow the
sweetness of that palm wine.*
bunyenyenghe (n) Indian
bamboos
bunyi (n) elephants
bunyi ba mini (n) (lit.:
water elephants)
hippopotamuses
bunoom (n) red duikers
bunyorni (n) saliva
(plural); spitting
frequently (to have the
habit of)
e.g. A ya kpai bunyorni.
*You have the habit of
spitting frequently.*

(adj) slippery slipperiness
e.g. Ainain, bunyorni! *The road, so slippery!*

buquai (v) [lit.: “Have you come?”] welcome (for two or more visitors)

buqun (n) belly; belly-ache; pregnancy

buququni (n) intestines

buquook (n) hip

bura (v) mean, means

e.g. Din dingo di bura ning? *What does your name mean?*

burang (n) lice

e.g. A chorm burang? *Do you have lice?*

bure (inf. v) are

e.g. words that begin with “bu” (including “bian”) medicine go with “bure”

bureke (n) dirtiness; filthiness

buria (n) yams

buriem (n) fear, fright, apprehension

e.g. N chormi buriem nke kwanaka. *I don't have fear even one bit.*

bu rik (v) [lit.: “Have you returned?”] welcome (for two or more residents)

buron nen (n) the habit of frightening

people into accepting deals against their will; bullying; intimidation
e.g. A ya buron nen. *You are fond of intimidation.*

buroror (n) [see also budordor] knowledge, understanding; cleverness; intelligence; shrewdness; wisdom

burou (adj) heavy
(n) heaviness

buru esin (n) anger; annoyance

buruk (adj) another, other (for nouns beginning with “bu”)

e.g. Baquai buria buruk. *Bring another yams.*

buruki (n) livestock, domestic animals

busa (n) witchcraft; sorcery

busak (n) rattles (musical instruments)

busaiki (adj) so bitter

e.g. Erop, busaiki. *Soup, so bitter!*

(n) bitterness

busokoro (n) oranges

busooja (n) soldiers

busorwa (n) chairs; seats, sofas; sittings, meetings

busorwa ba duborn (n) thrones

but (v) leave, get out

e.g. But ma. *Leave here / Get out of here.*

butaina baikait (n)
showiness; ostentation

e.g. Butaina baikait bu
noormi. *Ostentation is not good.*

buteemini (n) floor
e.g. Saa a butemini. *Sit on the floor.*

butort esin (n) ill temper;
bad temper

e.g. Onerom quor or
chorm butort esin. *That man has a bad temper.*

butort inghwa (n) great
ability to convince by
telling lies

but usene (v) [figurative]
stand out, become
distinguished; become
successful in life,
prosper

e.g. Kwen quor or ka but
usene. *That child will become successful in life.*

buu (v) ask especially once
e.g. Buu aye. *Ask him/her.*

buubon (n) goats

buu daban (v) ask a hand
in marriage

e.g. O buu mmi daban. *He has asked my hand in marriage.*

buuka (n) craftsmanship;
an art; a work of art

buukoorn (n) hornbills

buukpaan (n) selfishness

e.g. Buukpaan bungo bu
kpai nkang. *Your selfishness is beyond compare.*

buum (v) search for;
scavenge, forage

Buumbet ba Orbasi (n)
Disciples of God

buumkpork (n) lizards

buun (n) tortoises

buun ba mini (n) turtles

buuna (n) branches;
tributaries

e.g. 1. Nkwet e chorm
ekese a buuna. *Learning has many branches.*

2. Orkpa quo or chorm
ekese a buuna. *This river has many tributaries.*

buunaami (n) sheep

buunkpok (n) tadpoles

buunoork (n) bush babies

buunoort (n) nails (of the
finger or toe)

buura (v) burst; explode

buut (v) shoot; shot

buuwoka (n) buffaloes

buuwon (n) the act of a
man producing
children; the act of
fathering children

buuwoort (n) giant rats
(rat moles)

buwa (n) short-snouted
crocodiles

buwi (v) ask (repeatedly or from one person to another); cross-examine

e.g. Be tornghor u buuwi aye bumbume. *They have started asking him/ her questions/ They have started cross-examining*

buwindo (n) windows

buworm (n) cows

buwot (n) the habit of visiting or hanging around for free food

buwuri (n) waterfalls

e.g. I chorm ikpor a buwuri a Kororp. *There are many big waterfalls in Kororp.*

buya (v) stir (briefly and fast); stir up

e.g. 1. Buya mmi erop chor. *Stir that soup for me.*

2. Kpara buya ukwen quor daing. *Don't stir up that problem again.*

bu yaini (v) [lit.: *have you (plu.) woken up?*] good morning

buyairi (n) writing

buyairi ba neke (n) literature

buyini (n) boils

buyiri (n) length; height

Chch

cha (adv) that

e.g. Eta chai cha N ning ndai? *Is this the clothes that I saw?*

chaai (v) tear; torn

especially a paper or leaf; scratch; scratched

e.g. 1. Bek kwen ongo or be chai bunkwet bumi. *Tell your child not to tear my books.*

2. Ket aranga or chaai nne baikait kpekpe na anyiri a bunoor bumorng bor. *See how he/she has scratched my body all with those his/her long nails.*

chaam (n) a medium sized fish with a small mouth and something like crawl-crawl on the nose; hence the pidgin name of “crawl-crawl nose”

chaani (v) untie e.g. a person who has been bound up with ropes, or a bundle or a tied bag

chaang (v) urinate

chaap (n) animal; meat; convulsion

chaap a disaing (n) buttock

chaari (v) yawn

(repeatedly)

e.g. Or torngbor u chaari; u keni ngha or kwaka u rat. *He is beginning to yawn; it seems he is about to sleep.*

chabi (v) split open; tear apart

chai (prep) this

e.g. A kwaka eta chai? *Are you looking for this clothes?*

chain (v) answer

e.g. Orbasi or chain akam omi. *God has answered my prayer.*

chaina (v) greet; salute; thank

chiani (n) one

e.g. Chaap chaini. *One animal.*

chaka (v) castrate; reduce the quantity of, subtract from

e.g. 1. Or kwaka u chaka ebia emorng. *He wants to castrate his dog.*

2. U kaini ngha be chaka borkor be. *It looks like this food has been reduced.*

chama (v) squeeze (once or briefly)

cham (v) squeeze (continuously)

chamana (n) cuddle, embrace

e.g. Quai I chamana. *Come and let us embrace.*

chana (inf.v) plan
(especially to do something)

e.g. A chana u quai? *Did you plan to come?*

chang (v) give; dedicate
e.g. 1. Chang mmi. *Give me.*
2. Chang daikwai dai a akam. *Dedicate this day to prayers.*

chang atai (v)
exaggerate; overstate;
overrate

chang...itaim (v) advise
e.g. U normi u chang ben baingo itaim. *It is good to advise your children.*

chang...korou (v) give weight to; (figuratively) add value to; give credibility to; validate authenticate

chang ubor (v) shake hands with

e.g. Chang mmi ubor. *Shake hands with me.*

chang...ududu (v)
permit; authorise;
empower

e.g. 1. Mmi N chang aye ududu. *I am the one that permitted him/ her.*

changhana (v) dry something

e.g. Changhana ita ingo a dukwaing. *Dry your clothes in the Sun.*

changhi (v) get dry; will not give

e.g. Ita nyor I torngor u changhi. *Those clothes are beginning to get dry.*

(adj) dry

e.g. Ita imorning I na changhi. *His/ her clothes are not yet dry.*

changhi changhi (adj)
dry

e.g. Ikwang nyor I rere ning ndior i changhichanghi? *Why are the leaves appreaing so dry?*

chani (v) untie e.g. a bundle; open up e.g. a zipped or tied bag; unscrew; unveil, unfold e.g. a parcel

chap urum (n) a beast (derogatory)

chari (v) yawn; make a statement clear by bringing out the hidden parts

chau (adj) many; much
e.g. Bene, bu chau! *People, so many!*

chawa (v) for a child to feed on or suck the breast; to suck, for example an orange.

e.g. Ntem omi quo or
chawa mumbi kpat or
tap niet dio. *This my
friend sucked until he
reached ten years.*

chawara (v) for a mother
to breast-feed a child
e.g. Ekese a baton be na
chawara ben bembe
kpat be woora niet
niwan. *Many mothers
suckle their children until
they approach two years.*

chaawi (adj) many; not
many
e.g. 1. Bene be chaawi
kpai enor chai. *There are
too many people in this
house.*

2. Ita imi I chaawi daing a
orkebe omi. *My clothes
are not many again in my
box.*

(v) scratch (continuously,
with the nails)

e.g. Kpara chaawi mmi.
Don't scratch me.

chawi (v) scratch
(momentarily, with the
nails)

e.g. Kpara a chawi nne.
Don't scratch me.

chaya (v) tear; tore, torn;
stratch, scratched
(momentarily)

e.g. 1. Or chaya kobobiri
ka nkwet keni kport. *He
tore one sheet of paper only.*

2. Anwaha or chaya aye. *A
cat has scratched him.*

chee (v) gossip, gossiped;
backbite, backbit;
backstab, backstabbed

e.g. Or ya u chee bene.
*He/she likes to gossip
people.*

cheek (v) get burnt; burnt
e.g. 1. A kwaka u cheek?

Do you want to get burnt?

2. Karia kaimi ke cheek.
My yam has burnt.

cheeke (v) burning
e.g. Ekpa engo e cheeke.
Your bag is burning.

chek (v) slice (e.g.
vegetable or onion); tap
(e.g. felled palm tree to
get palmwine)

e.g. 1. Mbork, chek mmi
oyim orkat quor.
Please, slice that onion
for me.

2. Amene ongo o nyi de
chek nekem? *Has your
father gone to tap palm
wine?*

chekere (v) burn (e.g.
something or someone
or onself)

cheri (v) singe, singed;
burn, burnt (slightly,

especially meat, to
remove hair)
chiai (inj) an expression of
self assurance
or self-invigorating
e.g. Chiai! Mmi? U ngwei
aye? *Chai! Me? To run
away from him?*

chik (v) saw
e.g. Chik kabababi kor.
Saw that plank.

chim (v) make a noise; to
bear fruits
e.g. 1. Kpara chim. *Don't
make a noise.*
2. Etighi chai etornghor u
chim. *This paupaw tree
has started to bear.*

chima (v) for many
people to shout or
make a noise in unison
e.g. 1. Chima nor. *Shout, all
of you.*

2. Ini a i wot a enor
emorng, I chorm u
chima. *When we are near
his/her house, we have to
shout in unison.*

chin (v) did...wear; wore
e.g. Chin ben bor ita. *Wear
those children clothes.*

chiina (v) dress up, wear
(especially a loin-cloth
round the waist)
e.g. Chiina usobo aba quai.
*Wear a loin-cloth before you
come.*

chiinaa (v) forget, forgot,
forgotten
e.g. A chiinaa daikwai da I
nenene ma. *Have
forgotten the day we met
here.*

chiinaa bangha (v) forget
about

chini (v) undress, to
remove one's clothes
(especially a loin-cloth)

chioop (n) a porcupine

chiori (v) debark

chiork (v) swim

choba (n) plant or put a
juju in a place
(especially to prevent
theft or witchcraft)

e.g. O choba ekspang
emorng. *He/she has
planted a juju in his/her
farm.*

choi (v) wash; sanctify;
purify

choi kibaain (v) cleanse
(as a kind of
deliverance from
especially a traditional
curse or other related
problem)

e.g. Onerom quo o choi
aton ongo kibaain. *This
is the man who cleansed
your wife.*

chok (v) shout (repeatedly
to prevent an unwanted
action against oneself);

suck, eat (especially orange or sugar cane).

choki (v) unhinge;
separate a part from its frame

e.g. 1. Kpara choki ne butan ba diat. *Don't unhinge my jawbones.*

2. A kwaka u choki itum nyor? *Do you want to unhinge that door?*

chooka (v) shout (briefly, especially to prevent an unwanted action action against oneself)

e.g. N ya u chook ormankor. *I like to eat sugar cane.*

choom (v) fry

e.g. Or ya u chom daria demorng. *She likes to fry her food.*

choon (v) kill

e.g. U noormi u choon orne. *It is not good to kill a person.*

choong (v) hem

e.g. A biri choong ekpa chai, e ka fara chain. *If you don't hem this bag, it will loosen soon.*

(n) a crocodile (the long-snouted type)

chooni (v) killing, killed

e.g. 1. A chooni mmung ndior? *What are you killing like that?*

2. Mmung chap a chooni?

Which animal have you killed?

choop (n) skin, hide;
weight (fig to be fat)

choorba (v) lounge, sit comfortably (especially a fat or royal person, in a nice or relatively nice seat); recline (in a seat due to tiredness or feeling of weakness)

choork (v) grind

e.g. Ornaton quo or dor u choork orworna. *This woman knows how to grind tobacco.*

choormi (v) breathe (continuously), breathing

e.g. Sa ma a choormi kwanaka. *Sit here and breathe for a while.*

choormini (v) breathing

e.g. Mmung a choormini nyi ndior? *Why are you breathing like that?*

choorn (v) smoke (e.g. cigarette); drink (once or briefly)

e.g. U noormi u choorn sika. *It is not good to smoke cigarettes.*

chor (prep) that

e.g. Baquai chaap chor ma. *Bring that animal/meat here.*

chork (n) chalk

(v) smash, smashed; crush, crushed

e.g. Kpara chork usan
quor. *Don't smash that plate.*

chorhi (v) sharpen
(continuously especially sticks or bamboos),
clean (especially chewing sticks); plane
(especially wood)

e.g. 1. Mbork, nyangha
mmi u chorhi
bunyenyinghe bor.
Please, help me sharpen those bamboos.

2. Ornaton or ya ngo or
chorhi chang ngo
ukork. *If a woman loves you she cleans a chewing stick for you.*

chorm (inf. v) have, own;
share (especially boundary with); need to

e.g. 1. A chorm inaii a
nkwet? *Do you have a pen?*

2. N chorm uben na aye. *I share boundary with him/her.*

3. N chorm u chooya M
ba quai. *I need to bathe before I come.*

chorma (v) own, owned;
have, had

e.g. U normi u chorma
ekpang. *It is good to own a farm.*

chorma dara daini (v)
(figuratively) agree;
reach a consensus

e.g. 1. Nik i chorma dara
daini. *Let us agree.*

2. I na chorma dara daini a
ukwen quor. *We have not yet reached a consensus on that issue.*

chormi (v) don't have;
breathe, breath in; take
a deep breath, heave a
sigh of relief

e.g. 1. N chormi ekpang
ma. *I don't have a farm here.*

2. Chormi! *Breathe in!*

3. Or chormi a ntak a ben
bemorng be num.
He/she heaves a sigh of relieve because his/her children are big now.

chorn (v) sing

e.g. Or ror u chorn dortor
dai. *He/she knows how to sing this song.*

chorngha (v) send or
push (through a hole)

e.g. chorngha esang chor a
doboki dor. *Push the pipe through the hole.*

chornghi (v) cough

e.g. A kwaka u horng
korng, kpiya ingwa

ingo na ubor. *If you want to cough, cover your mouth with the hand.*

chornghini (v) coughing; coughed

e.g. 1. Meng or chornghini nyindior? *Who is coughing like that?*

2. Meng or chornghini? *Who coughed?*

choorn (v) smoke; drink (especially soup)

e.g. Kwen, kpara choorn siika. *Child, don't smoke cigarettes.*

choorni (v) smoke; drink, especially soup (continuously)

e.g. 1. Or ya u chorni siika. *He/she like to smoke cigarette.*

2. Choorni nduk chor e torort. *Drink that soup hot.*

choornng (n) a large-mouth fish in Kororp river, about or a little more than the size of a golddden barb

chooya (v) bathe; bathing
e.g. Chooya a ba quai. *Bathe before you come.*

chornn (v) snore
e.g. U re nyi a ka chornn ndaikwai. *It seems like you will snore tonight.*

chort (v) establish (i.e. for a plant to grow roots); for fire to start burning well

e.g. 1. Kainaii kor ke chot. *The tree has established roots.*

2. Dioon du chort. *The fire has started burning well.*

chorya (v) sharpen (momrntarily, especially a stick or bamboo); clean (momrntarily, especially a chewing stick)

chou (v) dance
e.g. A dor u chou? *Do you know how to dance?*

chowa (v) warm one's self (e.g. at a fire); bask (especially in the Sun); warming, basking
e.g. 1. N chowa dion. I am warming myself at a fire.

2. O chowa dukwaing. *He/she is basking in the Sun.*

chu (n) kernel

chu ikoon (n) [lit: a kernel of a scrotum] a testicle

chuka (v) shut, close quickly (e.g. one door); quickly deposit especially a collection of items or things such as fuelwood

e.g. 1. Chuka itum nyor.

Shut that door.

2. Chuka nanan nor ma.

Deposit those stones here.

chuki (v) open (quickly
e.g. one door); quickly
pick up or gather a
collection of items or
things (such as
fuelwood)

e.g. 1. Chuki itum nyor.

Open that door.

2. Chuki nanan nor. *Gather
those stones.*

chun (adj) finished;
through (i.e. finished
doing something)

e.g. 1. Daria de chun. *Food
is finished.*

2. Ta bu chun? *Are you
already through?*

(v) fold, fold up;
completed (e.g. a
course of study)

e.g. 1. Chun uboong quor.

Fold that floor mat.

2. Ta a chun nkwet engo?

*Have you completed your
education?*

chuna (v) finish, conclude,
complete, finalise

e.g. 1. A chuna duwom

dungo? *Have you finished
your work?*

2. Chuna ukwen ungo.

Conclude your talk.

chuna daban (v)

terminate e.g. a
marriage, divorce

e.g. A kwaka a ibon I

chuna daban dai. *Do you
want us to terminate this
marriage? Do you want us
to divorce?*

chunene (v) bend

(especially a hand); fold
(especially an umbrella
or a pen knife)

e.g. 1. Chunene ubor ungo.

Bend your hand.

2. Chunene ufaikaiyo quor
a ba kom. *Fold that
umbrella before you keep it
away.*

chunn (n) an axe

e.g. 1. A dor u koi kainaii
na chunn? *Do you know
how to fell a tree with an
axe?*

2. Chunn chai e dowi kpai.

This axe is too heavy.

chu orkat (n) a coconut

chuop (n) skin, hide,
leather

e.g. Oborn a Ekorn or
chorm chuop ekwe
enor emorng. *The king
of Ekon has a leopard
skin.*

chuu (v) steal

e.g. A chuu a ba mana?

*Have you stolen since you
were born.*

chuuk (v) shut, close (e.g. many doors); place, pack a collection of items (e.g. fuelwood) orderly

e.g. 1. Chuuk muntum mor. *Shut those doors.*

2. Chuuk imet nyor ma. *Pack the fire wood here.*

chuuka (v) gather, assemble, congregate (especially many people)

e.g. 1. Chuuka nor ma. *Gather you here.*

2. Kwanaka bene be ka chuuka ma. *Soon people will gather here.*

chuuka a bukei (v) settle down

chuuki (v) open (e.g. many doors); pick up or gather a collection of items

e.g. 1. Chuuki muntum mor. *Open those doors.*

2. Chuuki imet nyor. *Collect the fire wood.*

chuum (n) an oracle of two strings made of bush mango shells

chuun (adj) be full, eaten to one's fill

e.g. N chuun. *I am full or I have eaten to my fill.*

chuuni (n) kidney

chuwa (adj) full

e.g. 1. Ekpa chor e chuwa. *That bag is full*

(v) to overflow its banks (especially a river)

e.g. 1. Orkpa o chuwa. *The river is full/ has overflowed its banks.*

chuwere (v) fill; complete the amount or quantity of

e.g. 1. Chuwere kotom ke mi. *Fill my container.*

2. Chuwere munei mor *Complete that amount of money.*

Dd

da (pro) whose

e.g. Dorkorng da meng ndai? *Whose pot is this?*

daak (n) stammering

e.g. U korni u neme na orne or morka daak. *It is difficult to discuss with someone who is suffering from stammering.*

daami (v) jump

(continuously); hop

e.g. 1. Tornghor u daami. *Start to jump.*

2. Nansang ne tornghor u daami. *The frogs have started to hop.*

daamini (v) jumping; hopping

1. Ben bor be daamini mmang? *Where are those children jumping?*

2. N ya u ning arangha nansang ne daamini. *I like to see how frogs are jumping.*

daan (v) burst; rupture (especially the eye)

e.g. A kwaka u daan aye den? *Do you want to burst his/her eye?*

daara (n) a tongue; a dialect
e.g. 1. Choi daara gaingo ini ini. *Wash your tongue from time to time.*

2. Or tangha daara dairuk. *He/she speaks a another dialect.*

daat (v) [see also raat] sleep

e.g. N ka daat. *I will sleep.*

dabai (n) a breast

daban (n) marriage

dabana (n) sex

dabia (n) groin

dai (v) lick

e.g. N ya u dai munei mundooni. *I like to lick red palm oil.*

(adj) this

e.g. A kwaka dorkorng dai? *Are you looking for this pot?*

daibaing (adj) short; half

e.g. 1. Daibaing da kainaii. *A short stick.*

2. Munok mundai munde daibaing ekpaime. *This drink is half in the bottle.*

(n) a half

e.g. A ka yau u deu daibaing? *Will you like to buy a half?*

daibin (n) a totem (in witchcraft); totemism

daichiina (n) forgetfulness

daikait (n) a deep point in a river

daikwai (adv, n) day, daytime; weather

e.g. A daikwai a daikwai,
 bu chorm u nyi de
 chang Omuna uchaina
 a enor Orbasi. *Day by
 day, you have to go and give
 thanks to the Lord in
 church.*

daikwain (n) a scoop net
 for fishing

daing (conj) also, too;
 again

e.g.1. Chang mmi daing.
Give me also.

2. A ya aye daing? *Do you
 love him/ her also?*

3. U reni kwa a keme u sai
 daing. *There is nothing
 that you can do again.*

4. A dorni mmi daing?
Don't you know me again?

5. Mbiri kwaka u ning ngo
 ma daing. *I don't want to
 see you here again.*

daingo (pro) your, yours
 (for singular possession)

e.g. Taina mmi den daingo.
Show me your eye.

daingdaikwai (adv) the
 day after tomorrow, the
 day before yesterday
 e.g. 1. N dioni ma
 daindaikwai. *I arrived
 here the day before
 yesterday.*

2. N ka quai ndor
 daingdaikwai. *I shall*

*come there the day after
 tomorrow.*

daini (n) one
 e.g. Dobo daini. *One
 kolanut.*

dairuk (adj) another
 e.g. N ning doboki dairuk.
I have seen another head.

daisin (n) refusal; the
 habit of refusing
 especially to receive a
 gift

daisip (n) a calabash

daiyain (n) hatred
 e.g. Daiyain de noormi.
Hatred is not good.

dama (v) [see also rama]
 jump (once or briefly)
 e.g. A ka keme u dama yeu
 ukani quor? *Will you be
 able to jump over that log of
 wood?*

dang (n) bladder

dang da mianghi (n)
 urinary bladder

dangwha [Duk.] (n) a
 door; doorway;
 (figuratively) pathway
 e.g. Chuka dangwha dor.
Shut that door.

dankanankan (n) three
 days ago; in three days
 time

e.g. 1. N dika quai
 dankanankan. *I returned
 three days ago.*

2. N ka dika quai
dankanankan. *I shall
return in three days time.*
danwha [Duk.] (n) a door
dara (v) [see also rara]
rejoice, jubilate,
celebrate
e.g. Nik I dara nor. *Let us
rejoice.*
daria (n) food
dai (v) lick continuously;
licking, licked
e.g. Kwen kwo or ya u dai
usan na daara. *This child
is fond of licking the plate
with the tongue.*
daya (v) lick
(momentarily)
dayawa (n) love
e.g. Nik I taina bantem
dayawa. *Let us show
others love.*
de (inf.v) [see also re] be;
am; is; are
e.g. 1. Or de eti orne.
He/she is a good person.
2. A de. [lit.: *Are you there?*]
*Good afternoon/ Good
evening.*
dee (v) is not; has not; will
not
e.g. 1. Dono da ukwen dee
reni? *There is no headline?*
2. Donuna daimi dee na
dion. *My luggage has not
arrived.*

3. Donuna daingo dee ri
dion ndaiquai. *Your
luggage will not arrive
today.*
deek (v) [see also reek]
rest, relax; hold on
e.g. 1. Sa deek uka. *Sit and
relax for a moment.*
2. Deek uka. *Hold on a
moment.*
deekweem (n) light,
enlightenment
e.g. 1. I totngbor u ning
deekweem da Orbasi.
*We have started to see the
light of God.*
2. Ini a deekweem ndai.
*This is the age of
enlightenment.*
deemi (v) [see also reemi]
whisper
e.g. Quai I deemi kwanaka.
*Come and let us whisper a
little.*
deemini (v) [see also
reemini] whispering
e.g. A deemini mmung?
What are you whispering?
deeni (v) is not, is no; are
not, are no; is not
available; not present,
absent; is nothing; is no
bad news
e.g. 1. Kwen ormorn or
deeni a enor. *His/her
child is not in the house.*

2. Bene be deeni ma. *There are no people here.*

3. Or deeni ndaikwai.
He/she is not present today.

4. Biain bu deeni a enor.
There is nothing in the house.

5. Kpara babi esin, biain bu deeni. *Don't panic, there is no bad news.*

deeyeeng (n) a find; a breakthrough, a discovery, an invention; act of finding something

e.g. Mmung u de orkporsonrg a deeyeeng a kaibain? *What is the greatest discovery in the world?*

deeyeen (n) a plum

deeyeen da orkat (n)
pear, alvocado

deke (v) [see also reke]
dirty, make dirty or filthy

e.g. Kpara deke ita nyor.
Don't dirty those clothes.

(adj) dirty, filthy

e.g. 1. Ita imi i deke kpai.
My clothes are too dirty.

2. Eyain chai e deke kpai.
This place is too filthy.

dei (n) night, night time

e.g. O rika na dei. *He returned in the night.*

(adj) night

e.g. N yani duseeng da dei.
I don't like night travel.

dei dei (adv) by night

e.g. Or na dioni ma dei dei.
He often arrives here by night.

dembe (pro) their; theirs
(for singular possession)

e.g. 1. Daban dembe de normi. *Their marriage is good.*

2. Daban dembe de fikiri norm. *Their marriage is not very good.*

deminambin (n) a shade
(protection from the Sun)

e.g. Nkui e yani dembinambin. *Maize does not like shade.*

demorng (pro) his/her/it; his/hers/its (for singular possession)

e.g. Deeyeen demorng de bin. *His/her plum is black*

deen (n) eye

e.g. Tum kpai den daingo ko N quuna tor dumbio dor. *Open your eye well so I can blow off the speck.*

de na buqun (adj) with pregnancy

e.g. Or de na buqun. *She is with pregnancy.*

dendek (n) a hicup [Lit.: Hicup has caught me]

e.g. Dendek de kuba mmi.
I have a hicup.

denen (n) a tooth

deng (v) sink

e.g. Erequa a morni kainaii
kor a mini ke ka deng.
*If you throw that stick into
the water it will sink.*

dengdeng (n) pancreas

dere (inf. v) are

(especially for words
that begin with "da",
"de" and "do" go with
"dere")

e.g. Dobo dere ngo enor?
*Is there a kola nut in your
house?*

deruk (adj) another (for
nouns beginning with
"de", "dor", "do" or
"da")

e.g. 1. Desip deruk ndai.
This is another calabash.

2. N chorm dorkorng
deruk. *I have another pot.*

3. N ning doboki deruk. *I
have seen another hole.*

4. Be numa nne daria
deruk. *They have brought
me another food.*

desi (n) rice

e.g. N yani u dia desi a
kporkporor ini. *I don't
like to eat frequently.*

desor (n) a razor

e.g. Kpara ba desor daini a
kporkpora bene. *Don't
use one razor on everybody.*

deu (v) buy

e.g. N ka deu ekpa. *I shall
buy a bag.*

di (adv) [see also ri] will
not, won't; will never

e.g. 1. N di quai ma
nyenene. *I will not come
here again.*

2. N di chiina kwa a sai
mmi. *I will never forget
what you did to me.*

dia (v) eat; share especially
boundary with; swear
juju against oneself

e.g. 1. Ta a dia biain? *Have
you eaten something yet?*

2. N dia uben na aye.
*I share a boundary with
him/her.*

3. A keme u dia irot a
ukwen quu? *Can you
swear juju on this issue?*

dia ini (v) take a while,
take some time

e.g. U ka dia ini M ba quai
ma nyenene. *It shall take
a while before I come here
again.*

diaat (n) chin

dia inwha (v) boast; taunt
(especially in order to
overwhelm an opponent
or ponents)

e.g. Or ya u dia inwha.
He/she is fond of boasting.

dia isop (v) fine

e.g. Kpara a dia aye isop,
or chormi munaii. *Don't*
fine him/her, he/she has no
money.

diana (v) add; include;
attach

e.g. 1. N ka diana
mumkpakot ita nyor M
ba chang aye. *I shall add*
shoes to the clothes before I
give to him/her.

2. Diana aye a ndorng chai.
Include him/her in this
team.

dia unwornghor (v)
swear; take an oath

e.g. Meng or keme u dia
unwornghor a dono
demorng. *Who can take*
a oath on him/her.

dikere (v) put into an
opening; insert, slot in
e.g. Dikere esang chor a
doboki dai. *Insert that*
pipe into this hole.

dien (adj, n) childish,
childishness

Diet (n) Christmas

e.g. N ka re a dusai a Diet
du. *I shall be in the village*
this Christmas.

diet (n) year

e.g. N ka tornghor ikpor a
dokoon a diet du. *I shall*
start a big farm this year.

diimi (v) dive, swim (deep
inside water)

e.g. Nik I diimi ma,
ncheneruk I ka ning
usan quor. *Let us dive*
here, we might find the
plate.

diin (n) a name

e.g. Din da meng ndai?
Whose name is this?

diika (v) peep, peeped;
peep into, peeped into

e.g. 1. Tum diika a ba
kpaira utung na dei.
Peep well before you step out
in the night.

2. Meng or chang ngo
ududu a diika a ubet
umi? *Who gave you the*
audacity to peep into my
bedroom?

diikere (v) [see also
riikere] peeping;
peeping into

e.g. A dikere mmung?
What are you peeing?

diim (adj) lost; extinct

e.g. 1. Ekpa emorng e
diim. *His/her bag is lost.*

2. Bunyi bu diim katana
kai. *Elephants are extinct*
in this area.

dik (v) [see also dik]

tinkle (someone repeatedly); return

e.g. 1. Kpara dik mmi.

Don't tinkle me.

2. N ka fara dik. *I shall*

return soon.

dika (v) [see also rika]

tinkle (someone briefly); returned

e.g. 1. Meng or dika mmi?

Who tinkled me?

2. N dika ndaikwai. *I*

returned today.

dik quai (v) [see also rik

quai] return

e.g. Dik quai enor

aranghaquo. *Return home now.*

dim (v) go under water,

dive, submerge

dima (v) [see also rima]

misplace (something);

put out (fire or light);

destroy; cause to

become extinct,

exterminate, decimate

e.g. 1. A dima inaii a nkwet

ingo? *Have you misplaced your pen?*

2. Kpara a dima ichap

urum ubon. *Do not exterminate animals in our forest.*

3. Bunork bu keme u dima

isai. *Wars can decimate villages/towns/cities.*

dimi (inf. v) stop; desist from; allow

e.g. Dimi ndior. *Stop like that.*

2. Dimi keche. *Desist from gossiping.*

3. Dimi (mmorng) o kaik.

Allow him/her to go.

dingo (pro) your; yours

e.g. Din dingo ndai? *Is this your name?*

dioka (n) tree felling

e.g. I chun dusei,

aranghaquo I chum u tornghor dioka. *We have finished clearing, now we should start tree felling.*

diomi (adj) small (always preceded by any noun or pronoun)

e.g. Chap chai e diomi

kpai. *This animal is too small.*

dion (v) enter, get into;

arrive, arrived; get

initiated into

e.g. 1. Dion enor. *Get into the house.*

2. Ta be dion? *Have they arrived?*

3. O dion Ekwe. *He has been initiated into Ekwe.*

(n) light; fire; gun

e.g. 1. Dion du reni a enor chai? *Is there no light in this house?*

2. Seng de kpoork dion a enor ekup. *Go and make a fire in the kitchen.*

3. A biri de ata atutaip erequa a chormi dion. *You are not a real hunter if you don't have a gun.*

dion quai (v) enter

dior [Duk.] (n)
swimming

dior (n) trunk (especially of an elephant)

disaing (n) anus; buttocks

disaing da kainai (n)
foot of a tree

Disemba [from Eng.] (n)
December

diyain (adv) tomorrow;
yesterday

diyainikwai (adv)
tomorrow; yesterday

dobo (n) a kolanut

dobok (n) a small bundle
(e.g. of cooked food)

doboki (n) a hole

doboki da ufort (n) pith

doboki da disaing (n)
anus

doboki da ichon (n)
nostril

doka (v) [see also roka] do
a piece of work in
instalments; pay a debt
or a fee in installments

e.g. N ka doka kpe
maruum mengo. *I will*

pay an installment of your debt.

doki (v) [see also roki]
scrape off or remove
quickly from a hole;
scoop out from a shell

dokon (n) farm

dokui (n) an electric fish

dokum (adj) a desire to
eat meat

dormbou (adj) left hand;
left side

domuuk (n) the act of
putting too much food
into the mouth at a
time before chewing,
devouring

don (v) become red;
become ripe

e.g. 1. Nen naingo ne ka
don erequa a biri que
de kpe maruum
maingo. *Your eyes will
become red if you don't come
and pay your debt.*

donene nen (v) [see also
ronene nen] intimidate,
intimidating

e.g. 1. Kpara a donene
ibon nen. *Don't
intimidate us.*

2. Or ya u donene bene
nen. *He/she fond of
intimidating people.*

dono (n) head; headache;
(figuratively) wisdom

e.g. 1. Kpara a tunghene
dono daingo a windo a
moto. *Don't send out your
head through a car window.*

2. Or morka dono. *He/she
is sick of headache.*

3. Kwen omi orchorm
dono. *My child has some
wisdom.*

dono dukwen (n)
headlines; salient
points; purpose

doona (n) a traditional
stove made usually of
three stones on which a
pot is placed and
between which
fuelwood is stocked

donuna (n) luggage,
baggage; freight; load,
burden

dong (v) bite (once or
briefly)

e.g. Erequa a korbor obaii
a durum na ebia, e ka
dong ngo. *If you are fond
of rough games with a dog,
it will bite you.*

dongha (v) does...bite or
do...bite

e.g. Ebia chai e dongha
seeng? *Does this dog
sometimes bite?*

donghi (v) bite
(continuously, a group ,
or in a group)

e.g. Bubia bu bu ka bonghi
mbon. *These dogs will bite
you.*

donghini (v) biting

e.g. Bini bi donghini mbe.
Ants are biting them.

dooki (v) [see also rooki]
scrape off or remove
(from a shell)

e.g. Nik N dooki osorsoi.
*Let me remove snails from
the shells.*

dookiri (v) scraping off or
removing (from a shell)

dookon (n) a farm

e.g. N chorm ikpor a
dookon. *I have a large
farm.*

dookuut (n) canopy (of a
forest)

e.g. Ikpesinghi I re a urum
a ntak a dookuut. *There
is darkness in the forest
because of the canopy.*

doong (n) a bundle, a
parcel

e.g. 1. A baquai doong de
mi? *Have you brought my
parcel?*

2. Meng or chorm doong
da imet dai? *Who has
this bundle of fire wood?*

doop (n) navel

e.g. Kwen quo or chorm
anorm a doop. *This child
has a beautiful navel.*

doork (v) use invectives or abusive language on someone, rain abuses on someone or people

e.g. 1. Doork na aye. *Use abusive language on him/ her.*

2. Doork na aye. *Rain abuses on him/ her.*

doorkin (n) lock

doorn (v) make a hole through; burst

doornor (n) a finger; a toe

doorroong (n) propensity to bite

e.g. Kwen quor or ya doorroong. *That child has the propensity to bite.*

doowom (n) a large wild fruits used for poisoning fish.

dor (v) [see also ror] know; understand, comprehend; master

e.g. 1. N dor din dimorng. *I know his/ her name.*

2. N dor qua or tangha bangha. *I know what he/ she is talking about.*

3. Or nekeri dor dubung. *He/ she has not really mastered driving.*

dorbork (n) behind, backwardness; rear

e.g. 1. Be taak borbork. *They have remained behind.*

2. Dorbork de noormi.

Backwardness is not good.
(adj) backward

e.g. Kororp ke biri de dorbork a kporpora a biain. *Kororp is not backward in everything.*

dorbork dorbork (adv) backward

e.g. Ini a or taba aiyain chai, or tornhor u seng dorbork dorbork. *When he/ she got to this point, he/ she started walking backward.*

dorbort da urung (n) mortar pestle

dor buuka (adj) talented; gifted

e.g. Kwen quo or dor buuka. *This child is talented.*

dork (v) pound (especially palmnuts); boil; babble

e.g. 1. Tum dork nerei nor. *Pound those palm nuts well.*

2. Nik mini mor mu tum dork. *Let the water boil well.*

3. Kwen quo or tornghor u dork ukwen. *This child has started to babble a language.*

dorkorng (n) pot

dorktor [from Eng.] (n) doctor

dormbou (n) left hand

(adj) left side

dormorn (v) a voice; a statement; an opinion

dorni (v) don't know; don't understand

e.g. Bai dorni kwa kwen quor or keme u sai.

They don't know what that child is capable of doing.

dornyorm (n) a mango (fruit, the wild type)

dorom (n) a knee

dobo (n) a kola nut

dorng (n) a trousers

dornor (n) a toe; a finger

doronghi (n) backyard (behind or rear part of a house); (figuratively) toilet; (figuratively) bathroom, mensroom or ladies room, to excrete or urinate

e.g. 1. Doronghi daimi de kanghi. *My backyard is large.*

2. Mbork, de taina mmi doronghi. *Please, show me to the toilet*

4. N ka nyi doronghi. *I will go to the bathroom.*

(adj) [lit.: in the backyard] (also figuratively) nearby

e.g. A kerì a kitum kor ki re ma doronghi? *You*

thought that the hut was just nearby? (

dortor (n) a song

dortorp (n) mud (singular)

dorya (n) lawyer

dotuma (n) a pillar

dotutui (n) a person used to one's advantage, especially to experiment one's ability or strength; the marginalized

e.g. be re atata dotutui.

They are the most marginalized.

drorm (n) [from Eng.] drum (container)

du (v) is, is not; will, will not (only accent changes the meaning)

e.g. Orkporsonrg a durum du noormi. *Too much playing is not good.*

duba (v) hide (someone or something)

e.g. Ni i duba mundiai mubon ma. *Let us hide out cutlasses here.*

dubaima (n) acceptance; consent

dubam (n) side

e.g. Or sou a dubam dumi. *He/she is sitting by my side.*

dubam da orkpa (n) a river bank

dubanana (n) a banana (fruit)

dubebiri (n) flying
dubeng (n) bundle
 (especially of thatches);
 a traditional cage for
 carrying especially life
 chicken; (figuratively) a
 burden
dubi (v) take or come out
 of a hiding place
dubiabiri da bukei (n)
 soil impoverishment
dubinini (n) sighing
 e.g. Or ya dubinini. *He/she*
is fond of sighing.
Dubiobio (n) Ibibio
 language
Duboong (n) Aboong
 variant of Durorp
dubor (n) a sheath, a
 scabbard
duborn (n) kindship;
 tenure of office as king
dubou da bukei (n) land
 degradation
dubowa (n) waste (of
 something)
dubung (n) driving;
 paddling
 e.g. Or na tum dor
 dubung. *He/she has not*
mastered driving well.
dubunghini (n) caressing
 e.g. Or ya bubinghi. *He/she*
like caressing.
dubut (n) wall

duchamana (n) an
 embrace; the act of
 cuddling or embracing
duchana (n) a plan, a
 programme, an
 arrangement
 e.g. A chorm duchanai? *Do*
you have a plan
/programme/arrangement?
duchanghani (n) drying,
 smoking (of something
 such as fish)
duchanghini (n) drying
 up (especially of a
 stream or wet clothes)
duchai (n) a stream
duchiork (n) swimming
 e.g. N ya duchiork. *I love*
swimming.
duchoka (n) shouting
 (the act of)
duchokari (n) a shout
 e.g. Duchokari duni
 ndornandor a tornghor
 u tikiri? *Only one shout*
and you start trembling?
duchom (adj) fried
duchoorn (adv) gradually,
 gently, slowly; carefully,
 diligently
 e.g. 1. Seng duchoorn a
 aiyain chai. *Move gently in*
this place.
 2. Sai duwom duchoorn.
Work diligently.
 3. Seng duchoorn. *Go well.*

duchorkiri (n) the act of destroying
duchorkiri da urum (n) deforestation
 e.g. Duchorkiri da urum du biri de aiti a biain.
Deforestation is not a good thing.
duchorma (n) wealth; riches
duchukari (n) shutting (e.g. of the door)
duchunini da borkor ba urum (n) species extinction
dudap da nen (n) an eye lash
duduba (n) hidden, secret
du esin (v) be angry, be annoyed
 e.g. Mbork, kpara du esin.
Please, don't be angry/ annoyed.
 (adj) angry, annoyed
 e.g. A du esin? *Are you angry/ annoyed?*
dufaam (n) a boast; a taunt
dufaamini (n) boasting; taunting
 e.g. A rere a onum emana engo chai a dufaamini?
Your are still in this your old habit of boasting?
dufore (n) prosperity
Dufrench (n) French language

dufufuk (n) a midge
 e.g. Nke dufufuk a ninghi ma a nta a bioi. *You can't find even a midge here because of the cold.*
Dujaman (n) German language)
dukaap (n) taking sides (especially in a quarrel)
 e.g. Dukaap du noormi.
Taking sides is not fair.
dukain (n) a tail
dukakai (n) a thatch
dukakiri (n) crawling, creeping
dukam (n) a plantain (fruit)
dukan (n) a quarrel
Dukat (n) English language
duken (n) a state of being, or feeling like, a stranger or visitor
dukere (v) twist, sprain (especially the ankle or foot accidentally)
 e.g. Kating a dukere uwon ungo? *Does it mean you have sprained your foot.*
duki (v) somersault (once or briefly); tumble; turn (especially clothes or a bag inside-out); prepare (especially the limbs of a butchered animal for drying and sale by

stretching them out
with sticks)
(adj) dangerous; cruel;
malicious

e.g. O duki. *He/she is
dangerous.*

dukoon (n) calling (the act
of); reading (the act of);
a reading or a passage

dukoork (n) crowing (the
sound; the act of)

e.g. 1. A kpanghi dokoork
dor? *Are you hearing that
crowing?*

2. Kwen orom unorn quu
ta or tornghor dukoork.
*This cockerel has started
crowing.*

Dukorn (n) Ekon variant
of Durup

dukoko (n) a feather

dukona (n) a call; an
invitation, invitation

e.g. N de ma a dukona
dungo. *I am here on your
invitation.*

dukoni (n) remembering

dukora (n) the
phenomenon of being
swept away by water

dukora da bukei (n) soil
erosion

Dukoryorng (n)

Orkoryorng variant of
Duroorp

Dukpa (n) Ejagham
language

dukpai (n) a kernel
(especially of mango); a
lip (especially of
virgina)

dukpak (adj) poverty
e.g. Dukpak du noormi.
Poverty is not good.

dukpain (n) colloquial or
idiomatic language;
history, a thing of the
past

e.g. 1. Or dorni dukpain.
*He/she does not
understand colloquial
language.*

2. Ekese kwa a tangha
quor u ki de dukpain.
*Much of what you say is
now history.*

dukpaing (n) wriggling
(usually in bed while in
deep sleep)

e.g. 1. N yani u norngna na
orne quo or ya
dukpaing. *I don't like to
share a bed with someone
who has the habit of
wriggling.*

dukpangha (n) a bolt; a
lock

e.g. Itum nyor i chormi
dukpangha. *That door
has no lock/bolt.*

dukpanghani (n) locking,
bolting (e.g. of the
door)

dukpanghini (n) hearing,
feeling, tasting (the act
of)

dukpari (n) road; highway
e.g. Dusai dubon du biri
chormi dukpari. *Our
villages did not have a road.*

dukpeem (n) begging
(especially for
something from
someone)

e.g. Or ya kpai dukpeem.
*He/she is too fond of
begging.*

dukpekiri (n) limping

dukpewi (n) study,
studies, research;
internship, practice
apprenticeship,
training

e.g. 1. N chang ekese a ini
imi a dukpewi. *I dedicate
most of my time to studies.*

2. O sai dukpewi da
bangha ichap. *He/she is
doing research on animals.*

3. Kwen omi or re a
dukpewi. *My child in on
internship.*

dukpewi da bainaii (n)
botany

e.g. Nik ben bebon be sai
dukpewi da bainaii. *Let
our children do botany.*

**dukpewi da dukuk da
munaii** (n)
accountancy

e.g. Ben bebon be
tornghor u sai dukpewi
da munaii. *Our children
have doing accountancy.*

dukpewi da ichap (n) a
zoology; biology
e.g. I chaawi a dukpewi da
ichap. *We are not many in
zoology.*

dukpewi da kaibain (n)
geography

e.g. e.g. Nik I tornghor u
dion a dukpewi da
kaibain. *Let start moving
into Geography.*

dukpewi da bukemika
(n) chemistry

e.g. Nik I tornghor u dion
a dukpewi da
bukemika. U normi u
dion dain a dukpewi da
kaibain. *It is good to move
also into Chemistry.*

dukpewi da mbuk (n)
journalism

e.g. Nik I bai chiina
bangha dukpewi da
mbuk. *Let us not forget
about journalism.*

dukpewi da muntort (n)
ornithology

e.g. Dukpewi da muntort
du re daing eti a
ekikere. *Ornithology is
also a good idea.*

dukpewi da urum (n)
forestry

e.g. Dukpewi da urum du
ka re biain ba nfon.

*Forestry will be an
advantage.*

dukpewiri (n) learning,
studies

e.g. Ben baimi be bowa
ekese a ini imbe a
dukpewiri, nkwor u sai
be yewe nkwet embe.
*My children spend much of
their time in studies, which
is the reason why they
passed their exams.*

Dukpokobait (n)
Okpokobait variant of
Durup

dukpukiri (n) touch;
touching (the act of)

e.g. A dukpukiri duni
kport, or na buki buki.
*With only one touch,
he/she just woke up.*

dukpuukiri (n) touching
(the act of)

dukuk (n) counting
e.g. Kating a dorni dukuk?
*Does it mean you don't
know counting?*

dukumanbiere (n)
banana (native species
harder than the
common species); an
indirect or euphemistic
name for plantain

dukumini (n) the act of
walking with pounding

footsteps, especially as
a show of pride or
power

dukura (n) volition

e.g. M biri nyi a dukura
dumi. *I did not go out of
my own volition.*

Dukusa (n) Hausa
language; an extra-large
loin-cloth

dukwai (n) tenure as
queen; a show of
female pride

dukwaing (n) the Sun
e.g. Dukwaing di naimi.
The Sun is shining.

dukwaing da kito (n) [lit.:
the morning Sun]the
rising Sun

dukwaing da kori (n) [lit.:
the evening Sun]the
setting Sun

dukwak (n) star fish

dukwor (n) death

e.g. Ta bu kpang dukwor
da orborn? *Have you
death about the death of the
chief?*

dum (v) smel, give out a
smell

e.g. Eyain chai etornghor u
dum. *This place is
beginning to smell.*

duma (v) rumble [also
ruma] (e.g. for thunder
or stomach to)

e.g. Kwanaka buqun bumi
bu ka duma. *Soon my
stomach will rumble.*

dumbaap (n) plantain or
banana harvested that is
not mature enough to
be harvested

dumbaap da banana (n)
harvested banana that is
not mature enough for
harvesting

dumbaap da katam (n)
harvested plantain that
is not mature enough
for harvesting

dumbaat (n) side pain,
possibly inflammation
of the spleen, as an
illness in children

dumbio (n) a speck; a
fault (figurative for)

e.g. 1. Dumbio du dion
nne a den. *A speck has
gotten into my eye.*

2. Or fara u ning dumbio a
den da orne oruk.
*He/she is fast to find a
fault in someone else.*

dumeen (n) habitual
drinking
e.g. Or ya kpai dumeen.
*He/she is too fond of
drinking.*

dumeke (n) familiarity;
habituation

dumi (adj) smelly

e.g. Aiyain chai e dumi.
This place is smelly.

dunkpa (n) a pincer (of a
crab or prawn)

dunabiri (n) lack, scarcity
(state of)

dunam (n) a penis

dunang (n) a bamboo
(from oil palm or
raffia palm)

dunchai (n) a prawn

dunchangha (n) a
crayfish

dundoni (n) a ripe banana
(especially) or plantain

duneiri (n) clearing

e.g. Aya duneiri bor
dusorbiri? *Do you like
clearing or weeding?*

Dunenghe (n) Ibo
(language)

dung (v) live

e.g. A ka dung na mmi?
Will you live with me?

dunghene (v) [see also
runghene] investigate;
inspect, examine; verify

e.g. 1. Be ka dunghene ngo
a ukwen quu. *They will
investigate you on this issue.*

2. Be na dunghene kwa a
morka? *Have they not yet
examined what you are sick
of?*

3. Dunghene ukan quor a
ba dor arangha a ka
boror. *Verify the message*

*before decide how to
respond.*

dunghi (v) [see also
runghi] live, living

e.g. 1. N dunghi ma. *I live
here/I am living here.*

dungo (pro) your, yours
(in singular)

e.g. 1. Taina dunyor dungo
ma. *Show your face here.*

2. Dunyor du du re dungo.
This face is your.

duninghini (n) [lit.:
seeing] recognition

e.g. U normi u taina aye
duninghini a kwa or sai
a dusai dubon. *It is good
to show him/her a mark of
recognition for what he/she
has done for our village.*

dunni da ekpaime (n)
bottle-top

dunkon (n) mud fish

dunkpok (n) a large,
single pronged
metal gong; also used as
an insult for a large
nose

e.g. 1. Ket ichon ingo ngha
dunkpok. *See your nose
like a large metal gong.*

Dunkondokondo (n)
Ikondokondo variant
of Durorp

Dunkondup (n)
Nkondup variant of
Durorp

dunkui (n) a maize (cob
or plant)

dunsoom (n) tissue; fibre

duntonini (n) a worm

dunukari (n) bending (the
act of)

e.g. Dunukari du kpai aye.
Bending is above him/her.

dunum (n) old-age,
seniority, senility

dunun (n) a thorny, wild
rope used especially for
weaving traditional
fishing cage-traps.

dunung (n) an ear

dunuwiri (n) a caterpillar
(of an insect)

e.g. Duniwiri da
ornkenenken ndai. *This
is the carperpillar of a
butterfly.*

dunwerp (n) digging,
hoeing

dunwha (n) grave

dunwingnwing (n) a
mosquito

dunwor (n) camwood
powder

e.g. Baton ba Kororp
bairuk be ya u korma
dunwor. *Some Kororp
women like to rub camwood
powder.*

Dunyaang (n) Banyangi
language

dunnyiort (n) a massage

e.g. Kpekpera koori o quai
ma a dunnyiort. *Every
evening he/she comes here
for a massage.*

dunyor (n) face, front, in
front, ahead

e.g. Choi dunyor dundo
kito sik sik. *Wash your
face early in the morning.*

duquang (n) a leaf

e.g. Kwaa mmi duquang
dor. *Pick me that leaf.*

duquuni (n) an intestine

durap da nen (n) an eye
lid

durau (n) sleep; dream;
vision

e.g. 1. Durau do nuu mmi.
[lit.: *sleep is paining me*] *I
am sleepy.*

2. N ning durau. [lit.: *I saw
a dream*] *I had a dream.*

dure (inf. v) is, are; e.g.
nouns that begin with
“du” go with “dure”

Dure (n) Efik language,
language of Calabar
people

durek (n) a jaw

dureet (n) the habit of
crying frequently (of a
child)

burek (n) a jaw

durekeri (n) the act of
making dirty

dubuiiri da mini (n)
water pollution

duri (v) frown

durik (v) a rope

durion (n) arrival

e.g. Durion dubon ndai.
This is our arrival.

durom (n) manhood

Durorp (n) the language
of Kororp ethnic group;
Kororp language;
language

duruba (adj) hiding

e.g. Or re re a duruba ta ne
eye. *He/she is in hiding
up until now.*

duruk (adj) another, other
(for nouns that begin
with “du”)

e.g. 1. Duchai duruk du re
tanana kor ndor.
*Another stream is found
that way.*

2. Duchai duruk du reni
ma. *There is no other
stream here.*

durup (n) secret, top-
secret

e.g. Ukwon quu u biri de
daing biain ba durup.
*This issue is no longer a
secret.*

durup durup (adv)
secretly, clandestinely,
surreptitiously,
stealthily, sneakily
e.g. O dioni quai ma durup
durup. *He/she entered
here stealthily.*

- durum** (n) play,
entertainment; a joke
e.g. 1. Ini a durum ndai
asik uka. *This is not play
time yet.*
2. U re durum bor amang
a ukwen? *It is a joke or a
serious issue.*

durumani (n) smelling,
sniffing (the act
of)

durumini (n) smelling
(the state of)

durut (n) eel, a long, thin
fish that resembles a
mud fish; commonly
called snake fish

dusaang (n)
disappearance
e.g. Dusaang da ebia chor
du qua ibon baikait aiti
aiti. *The disappearance of
that dog has shocked us
badly.*

dusai (n) village, town,
city

Dusai da Ire (n) Calabar
city

dusasam (n) running
stomach, cholera;
watery stool
e.g. 1. N chorm dusasam. *I
have a running stomach.*

2. Kwen quo or nye
dusasam. *This child is
passing out watery stool.*

duseek (n) laughter, laugh

duseeng (n) walking, a
walk; a travel, a journey;
travelling; gait

e.g. 1. Kwen omi ta or
tornghor duseeng. *My
child has started walking.*

2. Amene omi o nyi
duseeng. *My father has
gone on a journey.*

3. Aminkei omi or ya
duseeng. *My
brother/sister likes
travelling.*

4. N kaini amene omi a
duseng. *I resemble my
father in gait.*

dusei (n) clearing, slashing
(the act of)

e.g. Be tornghor daing
dusei a ekpang aimi.
*They have also started
clearing in my farm.*

duseiri (n) clearing,
slashing (as a method)

e.g. Duseiri na dusorbiri, a
ya nquni? *Slashing and
weeding, which do you
prefer?*

dusiin (n) a root

dusit (n) care-taking

dusorbari (n) boiling (as a
method)

dusorbiri (n) weeding (as
a method)

dusoorp (n) pushing

dusorsoi (n) a small snail
that often destroys the

vegetative parts of
crops

dusuwi (n) a vein

e.g. U korni u ning dusuwi
da kwen or chorm
orkporsorn a choop. *It
is difficult to find the vein of
a child who has a lot of
weight.*

dut (v) rise (e.g. flour due
to addition of water or
something)

e.g. Erequa a tumi chooma
kari ke keme u dut ini a
norba nkor a mini. *If
you fry gari well it can rise
well when you soak it in
water.*

dutang (n) rib, side

dutara (n) staggering

dutchoomini (n) frying

dutchori (n) a cane rope

dut duborn (v) feel proud
like a king, for a man to
show excessive pride

e.g. Kpara dut duborn dor
na mmi. *Don't show such
excessive pride towards me.*

dut dukwai (v) feel proud
like a queen, for a
woman to show
excessive pride

dutaina (n) teaching;
training; coaching

e.g. U kaini ngha or ya
dutaina. *It seems like
he/she likes teaching.*

dutoi (n) removal,
unloading

dutoi da buqun (n)

abortion

e.g. Dutoi da buqun du
noormi. *Abortion is not
good.*

dutoka (n) landing (the act
of)

e.g. U korni u kuba itork
ini a dubebiri kpai ini a
dutoka. *It is not more
difficult to catch a bird
when it is flying than when
it is landing.*

dutokiri (n) pinch,
pinching (the act of)

dutort da kaibain (n)
global warming

e.g. I torngbor u kpang
dutort da kaibain. *We
are beginning to experience
global warming.*

duton (n) womanhood

dutonghantong (n)
umbilical cord

dutorngbor (n) start,
beginning;
commencement;
introduction

e.g. Dutorngbor da daria
ndai. *This is just the
beginning of the meal.*

dutuk (n) division,
sharing; share;
distribution, supply,
allocation

e.g. 1. Ta be tornghor
dutuk da munaii mor?

*Have they started the
sharing of that money?*

2. Ta a chorma dutuk
dungo? *Have you had
your own share?*

3. Ta be tornghor dutuk
san an. *They have started
the distribution of the
medicines.*

dutuum (n) a walking
stick

dutuuk (n) cheating

duuba (v) hide oneself or
ourselves

e.g. Nik i duuba ma. *Let us
hide here.*

duudiim (n) state of
getting or becoming
lost; extinction

duuki (v) somersault ,
tumble (continuously);
turn inside-out
(especially clothes or a
bag); prepare the limbs
of a butchered animal
for drying

duukuum (n) pounding
foot steps

e.g. A kpanghi duukuum
dor. *Are you hearing the
pounding footsteps?*

duum (v) play, play (e.g. a
musical instrument or
set such as a guitar, a

radio, a video player);
joke

e.g. 1. Quai I duum. *Come
and let's play.*

2. A dor u duum kita? *Do
you know how to play the
guitar?*

3. Kpara duum na mmi.
Don't play/joke with me.

Dumm chang (v)
entertain

e.g. Duum chang ibon.
Entertain us.

duuma (v) smell; sniff;
rumbling; playing,
joking

e.g. 1. Duuma ekpaime
chai. *Smell this bottle.*

2. Echong a duuma. *The
sky is rumbling.*

3. Bu duuma na meng?
*Who are you
playing/joking with?*

duuma chang (v)
entertaining

e.g. Be duuma chang ibon.
They are entertaining us.

duumaan (n) a kick

duuni (n) a cork; one

e.g. 1. Duuni da ekpaime
aimi ndai. *This is the cork
of my bottle.*

2. N ka dia bukam duuni
kport. *I will eat one
plantain only.*

duunsaam (n) a big, long
cage-trap made of cane

- ropes used once in a long while for fishing, especially by a traditional society
- duuruum** (n) playing (especially of children)
a play; a display; a concert; a performance; a show
- duut** (v) froth, foam
e.g. Orkem quo or tornghor u duut. *This palm wine has started to foam.*
- duuwom** (n) a wooden gong
- duuwam** (n) thunder
e.g. Duuwaam du chork kitum kimorng. *Thunder has destroyed his/her hut.*
- duwaam** (adj) half; piece; part
e.g.1. Duwaam da bene beyani. *Half of the people do not like/are not in support/favour.*
2. Duwaam da eta. *A piece of cloth.*
3. Chang mmi duwan da munaii mor. *Give me part of that money.*
- duwewei** (n) lightning
e.g. Duwewei du maya ko duuwaam du nor. *Lightning twinkles before thunder strikes.*
- duwom** (n) work; a duty; a function; a job, an occupation; a profession; a career; a vacancy, an opening
- duwom da nookoon** (n) farming
- duwoorn** (n) decay, decomposition; putrefaction
- duwou** (adj) roasted, burning
- duwouwiri** (n) roasting
- duyebiri** (n) stalking
- duyei** (n) shouting; barking; yelling (the act or habit of)
- duyewiri** (n) crossing point (especially on a river or stream); act of crossing
- duyik** (n) a horn
- duyik da enyi** (n) elephant trunk
- duyik da orkat** (n) (lit: a whiteman's horn) telephone; phone; mobile phone
- duyik da mini** (n) a rainbow
- duyim** (n) an onion
- duyome** (n) wandering, itinerant or nomadic lifestyle
- duyoror** (n) perambulation, strolling; strolling

display (especially of a
masquerade)

duyorp (n) deception,
deceit

Ee

e (inf.v) is, has

e.g. 1. Chap e quai.

An animal has come.

2. Chaap e re.

There is meat.

3. Eyain chai e noormi.

This place is not good.

4. Chaap chor e na qua.

That animal has not died yet.

5. Ebia chor e ri quai. *That dog will not come.*

ebam (n) a pocket

ebariba (n) a blacksmith

ebat (n) shoulder, hand of planatain or banana

ebep (n) a storm, windstorm

ebeng (n) the way; the manner in which

e.g. 1. Dor ebeng a seeng. *Know the way you move.*

2. Ebeng a seeng dioni

enor aimi, a sai a mi

nchoma nsai eruk e

bangha ngo. *The manner*

in which you walked into

my house makes me have

another opinion/idea about you.

ebia (n) a dog

ebom (n) a fall

ebon (pro) our; ours (for singular or plural possessions)

e.g. 1. Ebia ebon ndai. *This is our dog.*

2. Efain ebon ndai. *These are our people.*

eebon (n) a goat

eenook (n) a bush baby

echari (n) a bitter kola seed

echimini (n) fruit, fruits

e.g. I ka chorma echmini a diet du. *We shall have fruit this year.*

echong (adv) up

(n) the short form of “echong-adubut”

echong a yhion (n) uphill, mountaintop

e.g. Nya u baat echong a yhion. *I like to stand on the mountaintop.*

echong a dubut (n) sky

Echong Orbasi (n)

Heaven

e.g. Meng or yani u yen

Echong a Orbasi? *Who does not like to go to Heaven?*

echong ekai (n) roof

echong urum (n) canopy (forest)

echor (n) a snail,

(figuratively) a slow or lazy person

echuwa (n) floods;
problems (used
figuratively for)

ediaimi (n) a plan (to do
something); a plot; an
agreement

ediki (adj) small; a little
e.g. Chang mmi nyenene
ediki. *Give me a little
again.*

edidiki (adj) small
e.g. Chaap edidiki. *Small
animal/ meat.*

edising (n) knife

eenhe (adj) yes

eenyaam (n) an eagle

eeru [Duk.] (n) vagina

eesaaing (n) an egg

efain (n) the people of;
supporters; team
members; acquaintances;
relatives
e.g. Efain a nasona pak be
quai. *The National Park
people have come.*

efain a duwom (n)
workers
e.g. Efain a duwom baimi
ndai. *These are my
workers.*

efain ita (n) [lit.: people of
uniforms] law
enforcement officers

Efaing (n) a Kororp
festival that takes place
after every seven years
and lasts for a week in

continuous celebrations
marked by displays pf
masquarades of various
types

efore (n) ill-luck,
misfortune

Epaire [from Eng.] (n)
April

ekai (n) thatches

ekan (n) age grade; equal

ekanekan (adv) equally,
the same, in
the exact copy or state,
exactly
e.g. 1. Tuk borkor bor
ekan ekan. *Share that
food equally.*
2. Or yiri ngha ngo ekan
ekan. *He/she is [exactly]
as tall as you.*

ekaang (n) fatness

ekeem (n) a bat
e.g. Ekeem e ninghi urum
nke na kabat. *A bat does
not see even in the
afternoon.*

ekeng (n) a python

ekese (adj) many; a lot of;
much
e.g. Ekese a bene ba
Kororp be taak isai
iruk. *Many people of
Kororp have remained in
other communities.*

ekikere (n) thought; idea
e.g. Ekikere engo a kwa a
M beke ngo a? *What is*

*your thought about what I
told you?*

ekin [also aikin] (n) a joke;
jest; tease

ekom (n) occiput (the
back part of a head)

e.g. Onerom quor or
chorm anyiri a ekom.

The man has a long occiput.

Ekornganaku (n) a
Nigerian village of
Kororp, in Oban
District of Akpampka
Local Government
Area, Cross River State

ekon idio (n) a kind of
pudding prepared by
chopping cooked
cocoyams into smaller
pieces by dint of a small
mortar stick and mixing
the mass with rich palm
oil and traditional
spices, including pepper

Ekon (n) known
officially as Ekon I, a
Cameroonian village of
Kororp, in Mundemba
Sub Division of Ndian
Division, South West
Region

Ekon II (n) Ekon II, the
official name of Erat

ekorki (n) bean pudding
(usually cooked in
plantain leaf)

ekoorn (n) a hornbill (a
bird)

ekoort (n) black mamba

ekoral (intj) An expression
of disgust or contempt

ekorng (n) a perewinkle

ekoro (n) a spade

ekoro anenen (n) a
digging fork

ekpa (n) a bag

ekpa a duseeng (n) a
travel bag

ekpa ubor (n) a handbag

ekpang (n) a farm
(especially in an old
farmland for planting
food crops like
cassava); a traditional
dish of grated cocoyam
or cassava cooked in
folded cocoyam or
plantain leaves

ekpat (n) a bench made of
a pole placed on two
two-pronged sticks or
bamboos

Ekpe [from Efi.] (n) a
Kororp name

ekpaime (n) a bottle

ekpaime orworna (n) a
snuff box (especially
made of a small bottle)

ekpere (n) a thorny, wild
yam

ekpontong (n) throat

ekpoor (n) a gorilla

Ekor (n) a Koror male name

ekpork (n) mangabey

ekpukpu ariet (n) bull frog

ekumambiere (n) bananas (native species harder than the ordinary species)

ekup (n) cooking

e.g. A ror ekup? *Do you know cooking?*

ekwe (n) a leopard; the highest, hierarchical traditional society in Koror that represents the judiciary

ekweem (n) a fish

emaanna (n) behaviour

emem (n) peace

e.g. U normi u dung a emem. *It is good to live in peace.*

emorng (pro) his/her/it; his/hers/its (for singular possession)

e.g. 1. Enor emorng ndai. *This is his/her house.*

2. Emorng ndai? *Is this his/hers?*

embe (pro) their; theirs
e.g. 1. Enor embe ndior. *That is their house.*

2. Enor chor e re embe. *That house is theirs.*

emboon (pro) your; your (for singular possession)

e.g. 1. Enor emboon ndai? *Is this your house?*

2. Ebon chai emboon? *Is this goat yours?*

emuum (n) a dumb, the dumb

e.g. N dorni u neme na emuum. *I don't know how to discuss with a dumb.*

enaba (n) rainy season

e.g. U noormi tou borkor a enaba. *It is not advisable to plant crops in the rainy season.*

enami (n) a sheep

enang ukwak [from Efi., literally iron

horse] (n) a bicycle

engo (pro) your; yours (in singular)

e.g. Enor engo ndai? *Is this your house?*

enghe (adj) yes

enini (n) an argument; a contention; a debate

e.g. 1. Uforn u reni a eninihai c. *There is no point for this argument.*

2. M biri de a enini na ngo. *I am not in a debate with you.*

enoom (n) a red duiker

enoork (n) a bush cat

enoorm (n) beauty (the appearance)
 e.g. I biri de ma u taaina enoorm ebon. *We are not here to display our beauty.*
enoorn (n) the practice of going to the farm or “bush”,
enop (n) an antelope
enor (n) a house, a building
enor a bian (n) a hospital
enor a buchoya (n) a bathroom
enor akam (n) a prayer house
enor a mkporkorbi (n) a prison
enor a nkwet (n) a school
enor a bokpiya (n) an orphanage
enor a echong (n) a storey building
enor a ekup (n) kitchen
enor a ereri (n) a church
enor a esop (n) a court
enor a irot (n) a shrine
enork (n) a fight; a war
enorn (n) cataract, a grey spot in the eye due to an infection
Enor Orbasi (n) a church
enor usaing (n) toilet
enu (n) a snake
enuum (n) a millipede

enyam (n) a monkey-eating eagle
enyi (n) an elephant
enyi a mini (n) (lit.: a water elephant) hippopotamus
enyorm (n) bush mango (fruits)
equook (n) hip
equn (n) foam
equn equn (adj) foamy
erang (n) a louse
Erat (n) known officially as Ekon II, a Cameroonian village of Kororp, in Mundemba Sub Division of Ndian Division, South West Region
ere (inf.v) is (some nouns that begin with “c” “e”, ”n” and “m” followed immediately by consonants go with “ere”)
 e.g. Chaap chor ere mmang? *Where is that animal?*
erequa (conj) if
 e.g. Erequa a beghe kona nne. *If you arrive call me.*
ereri [from Efi.] (n) Sunday; church
 e.g. 1. Ndaikwai Ereri. *Today is Sunday.*

2. N de a ereri aranghaquo.

I am in church right now.

eretrik [from Eng.] (n)

electricity

e.g. Ekese a isai ibon I

chormi eretrik. *Many of our villages don't have electricity.*

erim (n) sweet yam

erop (n) soup (for eating fufu); "alligator" pepper (a spice); a juju in itself used to chew, spray and pray to kill

eroprain [from Eng.] (n)

aeroplane

eromsin (n) heart; mind

erore (n) the habit of showing strong appetite for someone else's food

erork (n) a pit

erork a usaing (n) a pit latrine

erung (n) fog, mist, cloud

erung a mini (n) rain

clouds

erung erung (adj) foggy, misty, cloudy

eruk (adj; pro) another, other (for nouns that begin with "e", "tch", "ch", "mba", "ne" or "nf")

e.g. 1.N kwaka u reu ebia eruk. *I want to buy another dog.*

2. Chang mmi chaap eruk.

Give me another meat.

3. Nforokum eruk ndai.

This is another cotton.

4. Mbakem eruk ereni.

There is no other short-cut.

eruki (n) livestock, a domestic animal

e.g. Eebon e re eruki. *A goat is a domestic animal.*

eruk nchen (conj)

perhaps

e.g. Eruk nchen o ri quai.

Perhaps he/she will not come.

esaaing (n) virgina

esaaing a enor (n) family

esang (n) a barrel; a staff (especially of a titled person)

esang a dion (n) a gun barrel

esin (n) heart, mind

esing (n) a housefly

esop (v) court

esorke (n) the dry leaf (on a plant) that shakes vigorously in the slightest breeze

esorne (n) disgrace, shame; humiliation; embarrassment; dishonour

eta (n) cloth, clothes

etaing (adv) in, inside

e.g. 1. Ita imi I de etaing a
okebe omi. *My clothes are
in my box.*

2. Be re etaing enor. *They
are inside the house.*

eating etaing (adv) inside

etaip (n) excessive praise;
acclamation, a

proclamation of
someone as highly
skilled or successful

eta a kornorngaha (n) a
bedsheet

eta a mumbai (n) breat
wear

eti (adj) good, fine

etibe (n) thrift and loan, a
meeting in which
members contribute
money in each session
and give to one
member, according to
an agreed plan

etighi (n) paw-paw

etoom (n) a drill

etoong (n) dizziness;
wooziness; giddiness

etoowa (n) planting;
sowing; cultivation

eweep (n) air; breeze

ewok (n) a monkey

ewooka (n) a buffalo

ewoort (n) a giant rat (a
rat mole)

Eworn (n) a male name

eworm (n) a cow

ewot (n) the habit of
someone hanging
around to be given
food

ewuri (n) a waterfall, a
rapid

eyain (n) a place, a plot, a
spot, an area, a position
(prep) where

e.g. Taina nne eyain a
koomi munei mummi.

*Show me where you have
kept my oil.*

eyang (n) night hunting

e.g. O nyi eyang. *He's gone
for night hunting.*

eyang ayip [from Eja.] (n)
rainwater

eeyo (n) epoch, era, age

eeyo a dekwem (n) the
age of enlightenment

eeyo a ikpesinghi (n) the
dark ages

eyoo (n) sweet potatoe;
gold colour; setting sun

eyop (n) honour, respect;
recognition, credit

e.g. Nik i chang aye eyop.

*Let us give him honour and
respect.*

Ff

faam (v) boast

e.g. Kpara faam a biain ba
a kemeni u sai. *Don't
boast of what you cannot
do.*

faaikere (v) argue,
arguing; disagree,
disagreeing

e.g. By faikere mmung ma,
*What are you arguing
about here?*

faain (v) feel depressed
due to stress or
something
(consciously)

faain qua (v) commit
suicide by consciously
getting depressed, or
starving onself, due to a
problem

faait (v) go crazy due to a
problem

e.g. N ka faait na ngo
erekwua yire na nne
ukwen. *I will go crazy
with you if you continue to
follow me with problems*

Faara [from Eng.] (n) a
Reverend Father

e.g. Faara o nyi ereri. *The
Reverend Father has gone
to church.*

faibairai (v) lie

e.g. Kpara faibairai mmi.

Don't lie to me.

(adj) to be fond of lying

e.g. Or faibairai kpai.

He/she is too fond on lying.

faibaifaibairai (v) lying
(telling lies)

e.g. A faibaifaibairai. *You
are lying.*

fara (adv) fast, quick

e.g. Fara sai. *Do it fast.*

fara fara (adv) fast,
quickly (for emphasis)

fat (v) barb, have a hair
cut

e.g. *A kwaka u far niin ningo?*
*Do you want to have a hair
cut?*

Febuari [from Eng.] (n)

February

febere (v) lighten, make to
weigh less

e.g. Febere baikait baingo.

Lighten your body.

fere (v) do a knot

feri (v) undo a knot

feri feri (adj) thin, flat

e.g. Chang mmi kababai ke
feri feri. *Give me a thin
plank.*

fiba (v) knot, fasten the
knot,

(adj) tight (especially
clothes), narrow
(especially a path, road
or door-way)

e.g. Eta chai e fiba kpai.

This clothes is too tight.

fikiri (adv) really, actually;
carefully, thoroughly,
well

e.g. 1. A fikiri sai mmung
duwom? *What job do you
really/actually do?*

2. Fikiri sai duwom dor.

Do that work well.

3. A fikiri buu aye? *Did you
ask him/her well/carefully?*

(v) verify, cross-check,
cross-validate, confirm

e.g. Seeng de fikiri na aye.

*Go and verify/cross-
check/confirm with him.*

fikiri fikiri (adv) truly,
truly; really, really;
verily, verily

e.g. 1. Fikiri fikiri mmung
u tibe? *Really, really what
happened?*

2. Fikiri, fikiri, M bek ngo
nyenene.... *Verily, verily,
I tell you again...*

fina (v) trouble, disturb,
worry, bother, perturb

e.g. Kwen quo or fina ama
kpai. *This child disturbs
the mother too much.*

fiorb (v) suck, lick; kiss
(repeatedly)

fioba (v) suck, lick; kiss
(momentarily)

fiori (v) bruise, brush

e.g. N fiori iwain imi. *I have
brushed by shin.*

fioror (v) float, floated,
floating

fiort (n) the sound of
sighing

e.g. A tornghor nyenene u
fiort? *Are you starting
again to make a sigh?*

fiorya (v) signal by quickly
touching and rubbing
on the body of
someone with a finger
or fingers

foon [from Engl.] (v)
phone

(n) a phone

fore (v) to prosper

e.g. I ka fore, a din da
Orbasi. *We shall prosper,
in God's name.*

forere (v) open; to super-
naturally cause
someone to have a
mishap

e.g. Forere disaing dingo.
*Open your anus [which also
figuratively means: "Expose
yourself].*

fori (v) fall; collapse (e.g.
into a pit)

e.g. Kak, kun N fori erork
chai. *Nearly, I would have
fallen into this pit*

forng (adj) open

- e.g. 1. Kpara koom itum
nyor forng. *Don't leave
that door open.*
2. Or ya u koom ingwha
imorng forng. *He/she is
fond of keeping his mouth
open.*

fornghene (v) open
(slightly, especially
the door or mouth)

Fraidai [from Engl.] (n)
Friday

foto (v) photo, picture

fubi (v) pluck, pull out
(quickly, e.g. a feather
or a strand of hair)

fuum (v) beat; hit; strike;
slap

e.g. Adutaina, kpara a
fuum kwen quor.
*Teacher, don't beat that
child.*

fup (v) pluck (e.g. the
feathers of a bird); cut
too roughly (e.g. grass)

fururu (adj) round

fut (v) swell; swell up

fuu (adj) full

Ii

i (pro) we; we are

e.g. 1. I kpang ngo
sanghana. *We heard you clearly.*

2. I quai. *We are coming.*

3. Ta p quai. *We have come.*

4. Ichaap i reni daing ma.
Animals are no longer here.

5. Ichaap i ri quai daing
ma. *Animals will not come here again.*

iba (n) an underwear
e.g. Iba a kwen a meng
ndai? *Whose child's underwear is this?*

ibak (n) violence,
wickedness; cruelty,
evil; malice;
malevolence,
e.g. Nik ibak. *Desist from wickedness.*

ibam (n) pockets (a
specified number of)
e.g. Ibam iwang a chorm a
eta engo chai? *How many pockets do you have in this your clothes?*

ibat (n) shoulders; hands
of planatatin or banana

ibet (n) a taboo; anathema;
abomination

ibin (n) bass drum (usually
big and long)

ibon na ibon (pro)
amongst ourselves

ibor (n) hands

iboror (n) answer,
answers; response,
expenses

iboror a baikait (n) [lit.:
body responses] senses
(e.g. of smell, touch,
etc)

ibubui (n) a wild pigeon

ibubui a orkat (n) a
pigeon

ichai (n) streams

ichap (n) animals; meats

ichap a disaing (n)
buttocks

ichap ichap (adj) meaty

ichari (n) bitter kola
(plural with a
specific number)

ichor (n) snails (a
specified number of)

ichori (n) cane ropes

ichon (n) nose; catarrh

ichu a ikoon (n) testicles

ichu a orkat (n)
acoconuts

idara [from Efi.] (n)
jubilation, celebration

idiaii (n) a cutlass

idior (n) cocoyam leaves; a
vegetable dish of
cocoyam leaves

idomo [from Efi.] (n) a
temptation; a trial

idot (n) juju

ifang (n) a parting
between the two front
teeth or incisors
ifiork (n) a trick, tricks; a
tactic, tactics; a
technique, techniques
ifum (n) a stool (e.g. of
the kitchen)
iibat (n) Arithmetic,
Mathematics
iibon (pro) ours
iiboon (pro) we; us
iifik (n) effort
e.g. Korn iifik. *Put in an
effort.*
iikpor (n) a hawk
iikpor enyam (n) a
monkey-eating eagle
iinen (adj) direct
e.g. Iinen ainain ndai. *This
is the direct road/path.*
iinum (prep) behind
(especially something
or someone)
iiruun (n) plays; displays;
concerts; performances;
shows
ikakani (n) a fishing cage-
trap made of bamboo
ikei (n) a farm in a new
farmland for planting
crops like plantains
ikinworn **orworna** (n)
snuffbox especially
made of a container like
that of Rub
ikit (n) high jump

ikoi (n) an elbow
ikon (n) a type of seeds
used for thickening
soup, locally known as
“egusi”
Ikondo-kondo (n) known
officially as Ikondo-
kondo I, a
Cameroonian village of
Kororp, near
Mudemba in Ndian
Division, South West
Region
ikooma (n) a gizzard
ikoon (n) a scrotum
ikormor (n) a drum [a
musical instrument]
ikorn **esit** [from Efi.] (n)
sternum
ikot (n) a spoon
ikot a nenen (n) a fork
Ikpaan (n) (commonly
spelt Ikpan) a Kororp
river near Ekornganaku
in the Cross River State
of Nigeria
ikpaain (n) life; lifestyle
ikpai (n) the habit of
beating especially little
children; one of the
divided parts or lip
(especially of virgins)
ikpaii (n) rats; a terrible
Kororp juju that is
believed to kill
massively
ikpaintyin (n) a scorpion

ikpaisinghi (n) darkness,
the dark
ikpakot (n) a shoe
ikpe (n) a case; a court
case; a judgment
ikpeke (n) a curtain (used
to conceal a bed)
ikpin (n) insistence; the
habit of egging on
someone
ikpin ikpin (adv)
repeatedly, incessantly,
ceaselessly
ikpo (n) ululation;
applause; ovation
Ikpokobi (n) a deep
valley, an abyss; a
depression in Kororp
into which hardened
criminals were thrown
ikpor (adj) big, large; high
(e.g. position)
 e.g. 1. Ikpor a chap. *A big
animal.*
 2. O ning ikpor enyi.
He/she saw a large animal.
 3. Onerom quo or moori
ikpor a kabara. *This man
holds a high position.*
ikpork (n) slime
(especially in stool)
iku (n) a bay duiker
ikung (n) chest
ikuuka (n) a wound
ikuyoork (n) an otter
ikwang (n) leaves; a
vegetable or vegetables

imam (n) stinginess;
miserliness;
tightfistedness
imbaat (n) hoof
imbe (pro) their; theirs
(for singular or plural
possessions)
 e.g. 1. Idiai imbe ndai. *This
is their cutlass.*
 2. Inung imbe i kwewi
daing. *Their ears are also
sharp.*
imbiet (n) a mongoose
imboon (pro) your; yours
(plural pronoun, for
singular or plural
possessions)
 e.g. 1. Idiaii imboon i rim.
Your cutlass is lost.
 2. Inung imboon i maaba?
Are your ears blocked?
imboot (n) a wasp (one
that resembles a mud
wasp and can also be
found in a house); a
conk, a knock on the
head
 e.g. 1. Imboot i man aye.
A wasp has stung him/her.
 2. Or chang aye imboot.
*He/she gave him/her a
conk.*
imee [frim Efi.] (v)
patience; tolerance;
endurance;
perseverance

imet (n) fuelwood, fire wood (in plurals)
imi (pro) my; mine (for plural possessions)
e.g. Inung imi i kwewi. *My ears are sharp.*

imorng (pro) his/her/its; his/hers/its (for singular or plural possessions)
e.g. 1. Idiaii imorng i kwewi. *His/ her cutlass is sharp.*

2. Inung imorng i kwewi daing. *His/ her ears are also sharp.*

imum (n) a smile

imuum (n) dumbness; a dumb

inang (n) bamboos (made from oil palm or raffia palm)

i nango (n) [lit.: “and you too”, as a response to greetings such as...] good morning; good night

inaani (n) a huge, wide rock buried in and/ or spread in or on the ground

Inaani a Batake (n) a narrow rock at old Ekon that, like the name implies, runs up a hill like a ladder

Inaani Ayoyo (n) a large and magnificent rock on top of a hill, near the old village of Ekon

inanong (n) a wasp (small in size and mostly in the wild)

inaii (n) money (in singular form)

inaii a nkwet (n) pen; pencil

inen (n) a blue duiker

inain (n) tracks, paths, routes

inenn (adj) direct, straight ahead

inghwa (n) a mouth; boasting; a squirrel

ingwha a mumbai (n) a nipple

infiain (n) a whistle (made of metal or plastic)

ingo (pro) your; yours (singular pronoun, for singular or plural possessions)

e.g. 1. Idiaii ingo i turi. *Your cutlass is blunt.*

2. Imet ingo ndai? *Are these your fire wood?*

inhi (adj) yes

ini a kpain (adv) in ancient times

ini echimini (n) fruiting season

ini nyor (adv) in earlier times; formerly; previously; a long time ago
in inh (adj) no; sorry
ini ini (adv) occasionally, intermittently, periodically, from time to time, now and then, once in a while
ini nyini (conj) once, once upon a time; on one occasion; some time ago
injinia (n) an engineer
inken (n) tilapia
inkene (n) a cockroach; a stunted person (a figurative expression for)
inoi (n) shea nuts, edible nuts that can be used also to produce edible oil
inoom (n) blue duikers (a specified number of)
inoorp (n) beans
inornoi (n) a finger
intem (n) a bead (usually “chu intem”, “chu” meaning “kernel” or “seed”)
intongho (n) a mud wasp
intork (n) a sand fly
inu (n) snakes (a specified number of)
inum (n) back, hind

(adv) behind
inun (n) thorny, wild ropes used especially for weaving traditional fishing cage-traps
inung (n) ears; deafness
 e.g. 1. Taina mmi inung ingo. *Show me your ears.*
 2. Ore orne inung [lit.: *He/she is a person of deafness*] *He/she is a deaf*
inyai nyaii (n) a bush pig, a red river hog
inyai nyaii a orkat (n) a pig (domestic)
inyene [from Efi.] (n) wealth
 e.g. Amene omi or re orne a inyene. *My father is a wealthy person.*
inyi (n) elephants (a specified number of)
irap a nen (n) eye lids
iroorp (n) languages
 e.g. Ntem quo or tangha ekese iroorp. *This fellow speaks several languages.*
iro (n) juju
iruk (n) another (for nouns beginning with “i”)
 e.g. Chang mmi idiaii iruk. *Give me another cutlass.*
irum (n) a parrot
isaaing a inor (n) families (a specified and an unspecified number of)

isat (n) a net put across a river to catch fish
isiin (n) roots
isin enyin [from Efi.] (n) jealousy
isio [from Efi.] (adj) different
 e.g. Iiboon na mbe i bura isai isio. *We and they come from different villages.*
isop (n) a fine
isosoka (n) a weaver bird
isookoro (n) oranges (a specified number of)
isung (n) a messenger
isuwi (n) veins
itai (n) calf (of a leg)
itaim (n) advice; counsel; recommendation;
 proposal; suggestion
itam (n) a cap; a hat
ita a mumbai (n) bream wears
itemi (n) curses; wishes of misfortune
itorn (n) shame, shyness; embarrassment, disgrace
 e.g. 1. Onerom quo or chormi itorn. *This man has no shame.*
 2. Kpara a baquai itorn a enor chai. *Don't bring disgrace to this house.*
itort (n) a bird
itort a kakam (n) a clock bird

itort a ekai (n) a palm bird
itort a orkat (n) a cattle egret
itut (n) pile (an illness of the anus)
ituum [from Efi.] (n) a door
iwa (n) cassava
iwain (n) shin
iwok (n) monkeys (a specific number of)
 e.g. O buut iwok iwaan. *He shot two monkeys.*
iwom (n) works; duties; functions; jobs; occupations; professions, careers; vacancies, openings
iworm (n) cows (a specified number of)
iyononi (n) star; a whistle (made through the mouth)
 e.g. 1. Ket iyoyoni a echong. *Look at a star in the sky.*
 2. N dorni u qun iyoyoni. *I don't know how to blow a whistle.*

Ji

*“J” does not begin a word,
except the foreign ones
below, but the sound is
distinct in the words where
it appears.*

Jaman (n) Germany; a
euphemism for a strong
and stoical person.

e.g. 1. Orkat kwo o tungi
Jaman. *This white is from
Germany.*

2. Morngkwo amamang a
Jaman. *This one is really a
stoical person.*

Januari [from Eng.] (n)
January

Jekorb (n) Jacob

Jises (n) Jesus

Jisors (n) Jesus

Jorn (n) John

Josef (n) Joseph

Jurai [from Eng.] (n) July

e.g. Jurai or norba mini.
July rains.

Juun [from Eng.] (n) June

Kk

ka (inf. v) shall; will

e.g. 1. N ka qai. *I shall come.*

2. Or ka qai. *He/she will come.*

kaakpaai (n) tiredness

e.g. Kaakpaai kai sai a m
be fara buki. *It is
tiredness that caused me not
to wake up early.*

kak (v) crawl, creep

e.g. Kwen omi or torngbor
u kak. *My child has started
to crawl.*

(n) a little

e.g. Korn munork kak.
Add salt a little.

kaka (v) kneel

e.g. Kaka norom. *Kneel.*

kaainene (adj) clear;
obvious; unambiguous;
comprehensible;
sparkling (usually
water)

kaaineene (v) filter
(repeatedly)

kaaini (v) clear, for a river,
stream, water in a
container or any
naturally clear liquid to
become clear after the
dirt in it has settled
down

kaaka (v) climb unto
someone's back to be

carried; carry someone
on one's back

kaaka kaaka (v) to be
carried on someone's
back, to carry someone
on one's back

e.g. A ka kaaka kaaka?
*Will you be carried on the
back?*

kaaki [from Eng.](n)
shorts (as opposed to
trousers)

kaan (v) play out an oracle
to tell the cause of a
mishap (e.g. Kaan
chuum")

(n) a pad used for carrying
a load on the head

kaana (n) a branch (e.g. of
a tree; of learning); a
tributary

e.g. 1. Kana kor ke qua.
That tree branch is dead.

kana ka dukpewi (n) a
subject

kaani (v) separate a
quarrel or fight
e.g. Kaani enork chor.

Separate that fight.

kaankaii (n) a bitter
lesson

e.g. Be taina ibon kaankaii.
*They showed us a bitter
lesson.*

kaana ka orkekei (n)
palm frond

kaan ka ubor (n) palm (of the hand)

kaan ka uwon (n) sole (of the foot)

kaap (v) take sides with someone, especially in a quarrel

e.g. Or ya u kaap amene ormornng. *He is fond of taking sides with his/her father.*

kaat (v) freeze

e.g. Ayain chai e newi kpai, N ka kaat. *This place is too cold, I will freeze.*

kababai (n) plank, flat, sawn wood mostly for making doors and furniture

kababai ka buyeri [lit.: writing plank] (n) arm board; blackboard

kabai (n) carbide

kabat (n) afternoon

kabaat (n) standing (position); rank, position or post

e.g. 1. Or ya kabaat. *He/she is fond of standing.*

2. A mori kabaat nkaini ma? *Which position do you hold here?*

kabara (n) standing (position); rank, position, level

kabere (v) twist or distort especially a story or facts

e.g. Kpara a kabere ukwen umi. *Don't distort my statement.*

kabia (n) potto

kabinta [from Eng.](v) carpenter

kachang (n) a gift

e.g. Kachang kaingo ndai. *This is your gift.*

kai (prep) this (always coming at the end of a sentence)

e.g. Katana kai. *This side.*

kaiba (v) take enema

e.g. U tap niet dio n na kaiba. *It is up to ten years now, I have not taken enema.*

kaibain (n) the earth, the universe, the world

kaibait (adv) up

e.g. Ket kaibait. *Look up.*

(prep) up

e.g. Ket kaibait ka yhion. *Look up the mountain.*

kaibait ka orkpa (adv) upriver

e.g. N dunghi kaibait ka orkpa. *I live upriver.*

kain (v) pour/fill a liquid into a container with a small opening

e.g. A kemeni u kain
munei a ekpaime? *You
can't fill oil into a bottle?*

kainaii (n) a stick; a tree;
wood

kainaii ka usaing (n) a
traditional toilet made
of a big round stick
crossed on two forked
sticks; latrine, toilet
(now used generally
for)

kainene (v) filter
(momentarily)

e.g. A ini a bumork,
kainene mini a ba
chorn. *In times of illnesses,
filter water before you
drink.*

kainn (v) resemble; take
after

e.g. Kainn mmi a kwa a
sai. *Resemble me in what
you do.*

kainni (v) resemble; take
after

e.g. O kainni amene
ormorng. *He resembles
his father.*

kaibin (n) blackness

kaibini (n) charcoal

kaichim (n) a noise; din;
sound

e.g. Kechim kor ke tungchi
mmang? *Where is that
noise coming from?*

kaik (v) go

kaikaire (v) cause to
escape, caused to
escape

e.g. Meng o kaikaire chap
chor? *Who caused that
animal to escape?*

kaikpaait (n) cocoyam

kaikpain (n) a tree hyrax

kaikpaing (n) wriggling in
bed, struggle to get free

kaikpiiya (adv) face-down
e.g. Norngcha kaikpiiya.

Lie/sleep face down.

kaikwai (n) a thorn

kaikwai ka ekwem (n)
fish bone

kaikwait (n) a break from
work for a whole day
(sometimes but not
always associated with
lazy people)

kain (v) resemble

e.g. Kain ormwha a
duseng. *Resemble your
mother in walking.*

kainaii (n) a tree; a stick

kaini (v) resemble; looks
like

e.g. Or kaini ama ormorng
a duseeng. *She resembles
her mother in gait.*

kainimini (n) sweat,
perspiration

kainimini kainimini (adj)
sweaty, sticky

kaira (v) set or shake one
into action that had

been suspended or
stop; shake something
that is hanging or
placed precariously
kairaii (n) oil palm
kairaii ka orkat (n)
pineapple
kairaisin [from Eng.] (n)
kerosene
kairuk (adj) another (for
nouns beginning with
“ke”, “ka”, “kor” or
“ko”
e.g. Chang mmi kaikpait
kairuk. *Give me another
cocoyam.*
kaisaisaing (n) fontanel
kaisimi (n) the chaff from
smashed oil palm nuts
kaisin (n) liver
kaiyaaaim (n) wake-
keeping, vigil night,
night before an
important day
kaiyaiba (n) wandering
kaiyini (n) a boil
kak (n) a bit, a little;
nearly, almost
e.g. 1. Kon munork kak.
Put salt a bit.
2. Boorng kak. *Wait a little*
3. Kak kun N nor. *I nearly
would have fallen.*
(v) crawl
e.g. Kwen omi ortornghor
u kak. *My child has started
walking.*

kakak (n) crawling
e.g. Kwe kwo or na
tornghor kakak. *This
child has not started
crawling.*
kakaka (n) a giant
pangolin
kakam (n) plantain (tree
or bunch)
kaki (v) set down a load
carried on the back
e.g. Kaki ekpa chor. *Set
down the bag.*
kakpak (n) a forked stick,
a two-pronged stick
used for holding up a
pole or poles
kakpaat (n) a foot; a
footprint
kakang (n) quill; a hook
to hold a lamp
kakpai (n) a comb
kakpak (n) stick with two
prongs for crossing
poles
kakwai (n) biomass of
fallen trees that
cause obstruction
kamaat (n) a scar
kamana (v) claim, seize,
arrogate to oneself
e.g. Or ya u kamana
bukorn baikait. *He/she
likes to claim strength.*
kameng (pro) whose
e.g. Kakam ka meng ndai?
Whose plantain is this?

kamkpang (n) smallest
size tilapia type found
mostly in small streams

kan (v) refuse; refute,
repudiate (e.g. an
accusation), exonerate;
move along a branch,
cross-bar or some other
suspended narrow
object

e.g. 1. A keme u kan
baikait a ukwen quu?
*Can you exonerate yourself
in this issue?*

2. Or keme u kan a buuna
ba kainaii kor. *He/she
can move along the branches
of that tree.*

kamarin (n) gamalin

kana (v) quarrel, wrangle,
squabble

kananau (n) scabies

kanai (n) insult

kanaat (n) madness (state)

kanari (n) palm frond

kang (adj) big (always
preceded by “bu” [real])

e.g. Enyi, bu kang! *An
elephant, real big!*

kangkang (adj) difficult;
serious

e.g. U de biain ba
kangkang M ba keme
usai chuna dowom dor.
*It was a difficult thing
before I was able to finish
that work.*

(adv) seriously

e.g. Be quop aye kang-
kang. *They beat him/her
seriously.*

kanghi (adj) big (always
preceded by any a noun
or pronoun)

e.g. A kanghi. *You are big.*

kankanghana (n) spirit;
soul

kantak (n) insect

kann (v) send a message

e.g. A kann mbe? *Have you
sent them a message?*

karam (n) grass; weeds

kari (n) gari, food made of
cassava flour

karia (n) yam

karorn (n) gallon

kasak (n) rattle (a musical
instrument)

katai (n) arrow

e.g. Kakai ka Orbasi. *The
arrow of God.*

katakis [from Eng.] (n)
Catechist

katan (n) the uppermost
part of the barn
or shelf mainly for
storing and for slow
and long-term drying
wood and other items
in the kitchen

katana (n) side, area,
quarters

e.g. N dorni katana kor. *I
don't know that area.*

katchang (n) a gift
e.g. M mori ngo katchang.

I owe you a gift.

katchang ka Orbasi (n)
God's gift, natural gift,
talent

kating (adj) alone, lonely
e.g. 1. M biri re kating.

I'm not alone.

2. Nik mmi kating. *Leave
me alone.*

(n) loneliness

1. Kating ke ka choon nne.
Loneliness will kill me.

(v) Does it mean...? Could
it mean...? Is it
because...?

e.g. 1. Kating o quai? *Does
it mean he/she has come?*

2. Kating a ntak a kanghi?
Is it because you are big?

kawa (n) a short-snouted
crocodile

kawat (n) a hoop; a wheel;
a steering

keche (n) a gossip;
backbiting; the act of
gossiping or backbiting;
a rumour

kediimi (n) diving

kee (v) is not; have not,
will not

e.g. 1. Kemet kee reni.
*There is no piece of fire
wood.*

2. Kaisin kee noormi.
Refusal is not good.

3. Kenweng kor kee ri quai
daing. *That Guinea fowl
will not come again.*

keeket (n) gawking,
gaping

e.g. Or ya kpai keeket.
*He/she is too fond of
gawking.*

keem (v) cut, take a short
cut or an unpopular
route

e.g. Nik I keem ma ko I
fara dion. *Let us cut here
si we can reach fast.*

keen (v) peel (especially
cocoyam)

keereek (n) rest, leave,
holiday, vacation

e.g. Niet ninaan ndai, n na
chorma kereek. *It is
three years now, I have not
had a vacation.*

keeyeei (n) shouting,
barking; the act or habit
of shouting or barking
at someone or people

e.g. Or ya kpainkang
keeyeei. *He/she is too
fond of shouting.*

kekere (adj) too; too
much, too many

e.g. Beken bor be chawi
kekere. *Those visitors are
too many.*

kekeme (n) ember

kekpeek (n) limping

kem (adj) enough; fitting;
in adequate measure
(e.g. salt)

e.g. 1. U kem. *It's enough.*

kembeet (n) foolhardiness

e.g. Utor a kai kembeet a?

*Why this type of
foolhardiness.*

keme (inf.v) able to, can;
capable of

e.g. 1. A keme u nwam
donuna dor? *Can you
carry that load?*

2. A keme kenweye? *Are
you capable of engaging in a
race?*

kemeni (inf.v) cannot,
unable, incapable

e.g. Or kemeni u baat.

He/she cannot stand.

keme (v) can, able,
capable

kemet (n) a piece or log of
fire wood

kemika [from Eng.] (v) a
chemical

e.g. N yani u dia daria da
bai sai na kemika. *I don't
like to eat food made of
chemical.*

ken (v) stay the night

e.g. N ka ken ma. *I will stay
the night here.*

kenemi (n) secondary
forest, forest plot

e.g. 1. Eyain chai ere
kenemi. *This area is a
secondary forest.*

2. Kenemi kaimi ndai. *This
is my plot.*

kenweng (n) Guinea fowl

kenwep (n) a small fish
with the shape and
colour of golden barb
but found mostly in
small streams

kenweye (n) running;
race; an escape

kere (v) is [i.e. is
available](nouns that
begin with “ka”, “ke”,
“ko” and “ku” go with
“kere”); there is; think,
thinking, thought

e.g. 1. Kainaii kere. *There is
a stick.*

2. N kere ma or ka quai. *I
think (or thought) that
he/she will come.*

kere kere (adv) very well;
strongly; hard

e.g. 1. N neme na aye
kerekere. *I discussed with
him/her very well.*

2. Korm donuna dor
kerekere. *Tie that load
strongly.*

3. Mamana ubor umornng
kerekere. *Press his/her
hand hard.*

kerei (n) a masquerade

keri (v) look for, looking for, search for; think, thought

e.g. 1. A keri meng? *Who are you looking for?*

2. A keri a mmung u tibe? *What did you think has happened?*

keriri (v) looking for, searching for

e.g. A keriri mmung? *What are you looking for?*

ket (v) look; observe; take care of

e.g. 1. Ket ndaing. *Look here.*

2. Ket u tibe ndaing. *Observe what is happening here.*

3. Tum ket kwen quor. *Take good care of that child.*

ketei (n) a trap, a snare

keyei (n) the moon

keyeri (adv) face-up

e.g. Norngaha keyeri. *Lie/sleep face-up*

keyebi (n) an imitation, a counterfeit (something imitated)

e.g. Inaii nyi i re keyebi. *This money is counterfeit.*

keyeyebi (n) an imitation (the act of imitating)

e.g. Ini iruk keyeyebi ke noormi. *Sometimes imitation is not advisable.*

ki (prep) this

e.g. Kini ki. *This ant.*

(v) has

e.g. Kini ki dong nne. *An ant has bitten me.*

kibain (n) an injunction, an announcement; a spell

e.g. 1. N ka korn kibain u tire aye dumeen. *I will put an injunction to stop him/her from drinking.*

2. Or chorm kibain. [lit.: *He/she has a spell*]
He/she is under a spell.

kibin (n) a massive come-together for an important celebration, a conference; a retreat

e.g. I chorm kibin a uyei uruk. *We have a conference next week.*

kichikinyam (n) tse-tse fly

kichu (n) a plot, a clique; a deliberation, a consultation

e.g. Nik i chorma quorna a kichu. *Let's have a little deliberation.*

kidiort (adj) something immature

e.g. Kidiort ka kakam. *Immature plantain.*

(n) immature type.

e.g. Kakam kai ata ata a
kidiort. *This plantain is a
really imature type.*

kifokoro (n) a lung

kifu (n) a herb used
especially for medicine
or juju

kiichin [from Eng.] (n) a
kitchen

kiini (n) an ant (especially
the soldier type)

kikaim (n) a portion, a
place, a spot, a
part

kikpuk (n) a lump, a
swelling

e.g. Or chorm quorna a
kikpuk a imum. *He/she
has a little lump in the
back.*

kikpe (n) an apology,
request for
forgiveness

e.g. A mori mmi kikpe.
You owe me an apology.

kikuku (n) feebleness, a
condition of having no
strength to fight or do
hard work

kikukum (n) a stump (of
a tree)

kikuut (n) a ramshackle or
dilapidated building
(building near collapse)

kimaam (n) a masquerade
that waylays and

chastens stubborn
children

kimaam ka ben (n)
dragonfly

kimbokoro (n) a skull; a
brain (a euphemism
for intelligence)

e.g. 1. Meng or kwa
kimbokoro ka chap
chai? *Who picked the
skull of this animal?*

2. Or chorm kimbokoro.
He/she has a brain.

kinchung (n) otter, an
aquatic animal known
for destroying fish
cage-traps

kindumi (adj) rotten,
smelly (especially meat)

e.g. Kindumi ka chaap
chai? *This rotten/smelly
meat?*

(n) rotten meat

e.g. 1. Kindumi ki noormi.
Rotten meat is not good.

2. N yani udia kindumi. *I
don't like to eat rotten
meat.*

kinkorng (n) backbone,
spinal cord

kinsang (n) a slim person
(adj) slim

e.g. Amamang a kinsang
ka orne! *A typically slim
person!*

kinsorng (n) the first flow
of palm wine (usually
but not always sweet)

(adj) imature crop
(especially casavva)

e.g. N yani kinsorng ka
iwa. *I don't like immature
cassava.*

ki (v) is (nouns that begin
with “ki” and “ti” go
with “ki re”)

kire (n) reluctance,
unwillingness, lack of
enthusiasm

e.g. N chorm quorna a kire
u dion a etibe emboon.
*I feel a bit of reluctance to
join your trift and loan.*

kire kire (adv) reluctantly
e.g. A seng nning ndai kire
kire? *Why are you walking
so reluctantly?*

kiro (n) behaviour
e.g. Ornaton quor or
chorm ankorn a kiro.
*That woman has a difficult
behaviour.*

kiroing (n) a convoy; a
group; a crowd

e.g. 1. U normi u seeng a
kiroing. *It is advisable to
move in a convoy.*

2. U normi u rung a
kiroing. *It is advisable to
live in a group.*

3. Mmung kiroing ndior?
What crowd is that?

kiriing (n) a long basket
used for carrying load

kiruk (adj) another (for
nouns beginning with
“ki”)

kisima (n) a small drum
blocked at the
open end with a short,
carved banana stem to
produce a high pitched
sound

kisiya (n) stupidity;
foolish acts or jokes

kita [from Eng.] (n) a
guitar

kito (n) morning

e.g. Quai a enor aimi na
kito. *Come to my house in
the mornig.*

Kitork (n) the first
settlement of Kororp

kitingha (n) clitoris

kitu (n) foolishness;
imbecility

e.g. U noormi u rung
ikpain a kitu. *It is not
good to live a life of
foolishness.*

kitum (n) a hut

kiworni (adj) rotten

e.g. N diani kiworni ka
chaap. *I don't eat rotten
meat.*

(n) something rotten

ko (conj) so; so that, in
order that; before, by
the time

- e.g. 1. Ko mmung? *So what?*
 2. Tang duchorn ko be be kpong. *Speak softly so that they don't hear.*
 3. Fara dia ko be quai. *Eat fast before they come.*
 4. Ko be re quai ta ini i kaik. *By the time they arrived it was late.*

kobobiri (n) sheet (e.g. of paper)

e.g. Chang mmi kobobiti ka nkwt kaini. *Give me one sheet of paper.*

koboka (v) runoff; standing or running rain water

kobom (n) a basket

koboop (n) a wing

e.g. U kaini ngha itort nyor i nwen koboop. *It looks like that bird has broken a wing.*

kobot (n) whiteness

kocho (n) two sticks one, of which is beaten on the other to produce music

kochok (n) shouting (the sound, act or habit of)

kochoka (n) shouting (the sound of)

kochook (n) crowned eagle

koduuba (n) hiding

e.g. Or re a koduuba.

He/she is in hiding.

koi (n) thirst

e.g. Mbork, chang ne mini, n kwa koi. *Please, give me water, I am dying of thirst.*

koi ke nu (adj) thirsty

e.g. Koi ke nu nne. *I am thirsty.*

korfmen [from Eng.](n) government

korka (v) crow; boast; brag

kokpokpo (n) a nail (a metal piece); a vehicle (a euphemism for)

e.g. 1. Tum mora kokpokpo kor. *Hit that nail well.*

2. N deu kokpokpo. *I have bought a vehicle.*

koko (n) papa, daddy, a child's name for father; elder, a title for an elderly man; name-sake

e.g. 1. Koko, a ka dia biain? *Daddy, will you eat something?*

2. Koko Osere ta or yeen. *Elder Osere has already returned home.*

3. Offiong Ewon or de koko omi. *Effiong Eworn is my name-sake.*

kokot (n) face

kokuup (n) a broom made of a bunch-stock (used

in Kororp for sweeping
especially wood ash
from the fire place)

kokwop (n) scale (e.g. of a
fish)

koma (v) kneel; pin (for
instance a stick);
imprison or jail
someone

e.g. N ka koma ngo. *I will
imprison you.*

kona (v) call, called; invite,
invited

e.g. 1. Kona chang mmi
aye. *Call him/ her for me.*

2. Meng o kona ngo ma?
Who invited you here ?

kona quai (v) call, invite
e.g. Meng o kona quai ngo
ma? *Who invited you
here ?*

kondoni (n) ripe bananas

kondoni ka kakam (n)
ripe plantains

koni (v) remember,
remembered; remind,
reminded

konini (v) remembering,
remembered; reminded
e.g. 1. Diet du re daikwai
da i konini boman ba
Jises. *Christmas is the day
we are remembering the
birth of Jesus.*

2. A konini mmung? *What
have you remembered?*

konkon (n) an owl

konou (n) chimpanzee

konkuun (n) placenta
e.g. Be nyi konkuun kami a
onum Ekorn. *My
placenta is buried at old
Ekon.*

konum (n) dry season
e.g. Konum ke tori kpai
mandai. *The dry season is
too hot here.*

konumm (n) growth;
development

konumwok (n) a red
colobus monkey

konun (n) waist

kooi (v) cut, cutting, cut;
stab, stabbing, stabbed
(one thing/person or
more things/people)

e.g. 1. A keme u kooi
ankorn a koong ka
kainaii kai? Can you cut
the hard bark of this
tree?

2. Meng or kooi kakaii
ndior. Who is cutting
the tree like that?

3. A ning orne a kanaat na
idiaii nwei, ko or bere
kooi ngo. *If you see a mad
person with a cutlass run,
so that he/ she does not stab
you.*

kook (v) set fish cage traps
e.g. Otrnwha or re kook
munkanani. *Your mother*

has gone to set fish cage traps.

kooki (v) lose weight;
grow thin

kooko [from Eng.](n)
cocoa

koom (v) keep; put

e.g. 1. Koom mmi doong
dai a enor engo. *Keep me
this parcel in your house.*

2. Koom dion dor a bukei.
Put that gun down.

kooma (v) get onself
imprisoned

e.g. A kwaka u kooma?
*Do you want to be
imprisoned?*

koomkpok (n) a tadpole

koomkpoon (n) a club, a
huge stick

koon (v) read; call
continually; call loudly
continuously especially
to resuscitate a dying
person

e.g. A roni u koon? *Don't
you know how to read?*

koona (v) refer to; calling

e.g. 1. A koona mbe a
ning? *What do you refer
them to?*

2. A koona meng? *Who are
you calling?*

koong (n) a shell (of a
tortoise, a snail or a
nut); a peeling (of a
banana, a plantain, a

cassava); a skin or a
hide (of an animal), a
bark (of a tree)

koong ka ingwa (n) [lit.:
the shell of the mouth]
lip (of the mouth)

kooni (v) faint, fainted;
farmish, farmished

(n) refuse dump

koonum (n) growth

koonuuka (n) bending
position

e.g. Koonuuka ke koorni
nne ayikwai antak a
dunum. *Bending position
is difficult for me these days
because of old age.*

koori (n) evening

koork (v) crow; boast;
brag

koorka (v) crowing;
boasting, bragging

e.g. 1. Unorn quor u
koorka mmung? *Why is
that cock crowing?*

2. A koorka yonini mmung
ma? *What are you
bragging about here?*

koorm (n) a fence

koorma (v) rub oneself

koorn (v) serve (e.g.
drinks; join; pack; wear,
wearing

e.g. 1. Koorn munok mor.
Serve that wine.

2. A roni u koorn busang?
Don't you know how to join pipes?

3. Ta a tornghor u koorn ekpa engo? *Have you started to pack your bag?*

4. Ta n tornghor u koorn ita imi a diet. *I have started wearing my Christmas clothes.*

koorfi [from Eng.](n)
coffee

koorokoro (n) fidgetting;
restlessness;
uneasiness

e.g. Kwen kwo or ya kpai koorokoro. *This child is too fond of restlessness.*

kooroon (n) redness;
fairness of skin

koort (n) neck, greed

koort ka ubor (n) wrist

koort ka uworn (n) ankle

koot (v) beat (especially a drum)

e.g. Or roni u koot ikormor. *He/she does't know how to beat the drum.*

kor (v) take

(pre) that

e.g. 1. Kor duwam uka.
Take a pack for now.

2. Katana kor. *That side.*

kora (v) be swept away by water

e.g. Ekpa emorng e kora.
His/her bag has been swept away by water.

korbor (v) frequent; fond of

e.g. Bumork bu korbor ngo, bu ba ngo a akpatire. *If an illness frequents you, it takes you eventually.*

korchor (n) adultery (in singular)

e.g. U noormi u korn korchor. *It is not good to commit adultery.*

korere (v) twist, bend, meander; beat about the bush; cause to be swept away by water

korkporka (n) a brownish tooth due to prolonged coating from food particles and lack of dental care

korkworn (n) avoidance; escape

korm (v) rub (e.g. someone with oil); tie, tied; build, built

kormi (v) tying, tied; building, built; rubbing, rubbed

e.g. A kormi mmung a ubor? *What have you tied on your hand?*

korbani [from Eng.](n)
company

kormkpork (n) a lizard

kormorn (n) young,

yellow palm fronds

e.g. A ini a diet, bene be na

korki kormorn a neteke

membe. *At Christmas,*

people often hang young,

yellow palm fronds on their

verandahs.

korborm (n) bullfrog

kormkporn (n) stomach

korn (v) put, include (e.g.

something, a name or

someone); commit (e.g.

adultery); wear (e.g.

clothes); take (especially

snuff); set (e.g. fire on a

farm plot); make (e.g.

fire (e.g. under a pot)

e.g. 1. Korn din dimi

mandior. *Include my name*
there.

2. Korn kwen kwor eta.

Wear that child clothes.

3. U noormi u korn dion

ekpang nyidior. *It is not*

good to set fire on a farm

plot like that.

4. Korn dion a dorkorng

dor. *Make fire under that*

pot.

korna (v) put, included

(e.g. something, a name

or someone);

committed (e.g.

adultery); wore (e.g.

clothes); took

(especially snuff); set

(e.g. fire on a farm

plot); made (e.g. fire

(e.g. under a pot)

korna...buqun (v)

impregnated

korn buqun (v) to

impregnate, to cause a

woman to become

pregnant

korn choop (v) put on

weight

e.g. A tornhor u korn

choop. *You are beginning*

to put on weight.

korn...unem (v) bless

e.g. Korn mmi unem,

Omuna. *Bless me, Lord.*

korni (adj) strong;

difficult; hard

e.g. 1. Onerom quo or

korni. *That man is strong.*

2. Duwom dor du korni.

That job is difficult.

3. Kui kor ke korni. *That*

bone is hard.

(Note that change in

accent on the verb

changes these words

into the opposite)

(adj) not strong; not

difficult; not hard

e.g. 1. Onerom quor oor

korni. *That man is not*

strong.

2. Duwom dor duu korni.

That job is not difficult.

3. Kui kor kee korni. *That bone is not hard.*

korni dono (adj) stubborn
e.g. Kwen quor or korni dono. *That child is stubborn.*

korngha (n) cough;
phlegm

kornorm (n) dance,
dancing

kornorn (adv) under
e.g. Aikpaimai e re a kornorn ka okpokoro quor. *There is a bottle under that table.*

kornorngha (n) a bed

kornorngghi (n) a maggot
e.g. Or ror kornorm ngha kornorngghi. *He/she is as good at dancing as a maggot.*

kornoort (n) a nail (of a
finger or toe)

kornyorni (n) spittle;
slime

e.g. Meng o tura kornyorni kai? *Who spat out this spittle?*

korobi (n) an area of very
high animal activity,
especially elephants,
characterised by large
tracks or salt licks

koroi (n) a wound, a sore

korokiri (n) invectives,
abusive language; the
act of using invectives

or abusive language on
someone

e.g. Or ya korokiri. *He/she is fond of using invectives.*

korongha (n) vapour;
steam; breath

e.g. Korongha ka dorkorng ke fuum aye a dunyor. *The vapour from the pot has hit him/her on the face.*

korou (n) weight;
credibility; integrity

e.g. 1. Norborn ne chorm korou. *Cartridges have weight.*

2. Erequa orborn or de na ibon, korsorwa kaibon ke ka chorma korou. *If the chief is with us, our meeting will have credibility.*

3. Oneromo quo or chormi korou. *This man does not have integrity.*

korn (v) put

kornorn (adv) down

e.g. Or nyi kornorn ndor. *He is going down there.*

(prep) down; under

kornorn ka orkpa (adv)
downriver

e.g. N dunghi kornorn ka orkpa. *I live down river*

korp [from Eng.](n) cup

korntorng (n) rattan (in
singular)

e.g. Korntorng ke chorm
bukwai. *Rattan has
thorns.*

koror (v) look

e.g. 1. Koror, kpara kwaka
mmi ukwen. *Look, don't
look for trouble with me.*

2. Koror ndaing! *Look here!*

3. Koror mbe ndor. *Look
at them there.*

Kororp (n) (commonly
spelt “Kororp”) an
ethnic group that
straddles Cameroon
and Nigeria and which
neighbours Ejagham on
both sides and Oroko
only in Cameroon

korsorba (adj) boiled

e.g. N ya u dia kakam
korsorba. *I like to eat
plantain boiled.*

korsorwa (n) a chair; a
seat, a sofa; sitting,
meeting

korsorwa ka duborn (n)
the throne

kortori (n) ember, a piece
of burning fuelwood,
(euphemism) hot
temper

kortorng (n) smoke

kortortort (n) heat, fever,
(figuratively) the habit
of being always in a
rush

korum (n) ordour, smell

koryoror (n) wandering
(especially unnecessary)

e.g. Tire koryoror. *Stop
wandering.*

kot (v) cut (especially into
short or small pieces)

kotchok (n) noise, din,
loud noise

kotchook (n) crowned
eagle

kotchou (n) dance

kotoka (n) squatting (the
act or position of)

kotchuka (n) assembly,
congregation,
gatherering

kotom (n) a container

ko ude (conj)
neither...nor

e.g. Ibon asik isai, ko ude
mboon. *It is neither we
nor you that did it.*

ko utung mandior (conj)
in order that

kowonini (n) a wild, hot
spice of very small seed
popularly called bush
pepper

kpa (v) cut one thing or
stab one person once

kpaai (adj) too

1. Suka ornyenghe kpaai.
The sugar is too sweet.

kpai (inf. v) tired; to be
more than

e.g. 1. N kpai. *I am tired.*

2. N kpai ngo. *I am more than you.*

kpaiik (v) show off (especially beauty); to spill from a container from shaking (for liquid to)

kpaik (v) sew, stitch

kpa ikpo (v) ululate; applaud

e.g. Batoon be dor u kpa ikpo. *Women know how to ululate.*

kpai nkang (adj) too much; too fond of; beyond compare.

e.g. 1. Uyire ungo u kpainkang. *Your insistence is too much.*

2. Bukong dono bumorng bu kpainkang. *His stubbornness is beyond compare.*

kpain (v) stay long; live, live long; to be alive

kpaing (v) wriggle (especially in bed); struggle or wrestle to get free

e.g. 1. A ya u kpaing a kornorngaha. *You are fond of wriggling in bed.*

2. Yiiut I yani u kpaing a waya. *A water chevrotain is not fond of wrestling in a trap.*

kpainghi (v) does not (or do not) wriggle or wrestle

e.g. Yiuut i kpainghi a waya. *A Water chevrotain does not wrestle in a trap.*

kpainn (adj) ancient; long ago

e.g. Bene ba kpainn.

Ancient people.

(adv) long ago; since

e.g. 1. Or ba rik a duse kpainn. *He returned home long ago.*

2. Or ba dion ma kpainn. *He has arrived here since.*

kpaip (v) catch in air

kpairere (v) set down (e.g. a bag), help someone down from a height

kpang (v) hear; listen to; taste; smell

e.g. 1. M biri kpang u tibe. *I did not hear what happened.*

2. Kpang mmi. *Listen to me.*

3. Kpang nduk chior bor munork mu nkem. *Taste the soup to know whether the salt is OK.*

4. Kpang korum kor. *Perceive that smell.*

kpak (v) mark out; ask for a debt.

e.g. 1. Kpak uben ekpang engo. *Mark out your farm boundary.*

2. Kpak maruum mengo.

Ask for your debt.

kpaka (v) wedge; button

e.g. 1. Kpaka itum nyior.

Wedge that door.

2. Tum kpaka orfornirem

ongo. *Button your shirt well.*

kpaki (v) unbutton; unzip

(adj) poor

e.g. Or kpaki. *He/she is poor.*

kpam (v) reveal (e.g. a secret); operate upon; to perform an utopsy on; to split (e.g. wood); tear or cut (especially cloth)

kpan (v) stop (e.g.

someone from continuing an act); forbid

e.g. Kpan aye. *Stop him/her.*

kpanini (adj) selfish

e.g. Or kpanini. *He/she is selfish.*

kpangha (v) bolt, lock e.g. a door

e.g. Kpangha itum nyior.

Lock that door.

(adj) acidic

e.g. Ben ba sookoro be kpangha. *Limes are acidic.*

kpanghi (v) undo the

bolt; unhinge

e.g. 1. Kpanghi itum nyior.

Undo the bolt of that door.

2. Kpara kpanghi mmi batanbadiaat. *Don't you unhinge my jaw bones.*

kpara (inf. v) hang; don't

e.g. 1. Kpara eta chor ma. *Hang that clothes here.*

2. Kpara quai uka. *Don't come yet.*

kpari (v) clear the throat; remove from hanging position (e.g. clothes); clarify

e.g. 1. Kpari koort. *Clear your throat.*

2. Mbork, kpari mmi ita nyior. *Please, remove those clothes for me.*

3. Kpari mmi ukwen kwu. *Clarify this point for me.*

kpaat (v) hang (e.g. many clothes)

e.g. Kpaat ita nyor a durik dor. *Hang those clothes on that rope.*

kpat (adv) until; all; completely

e.g. 1. Borng ma kpat n sibiri quai. *Wait here until I return.*

2. Or dia borkor bor kpat. *He/she has eaten all the food.*

kpaya (v) strike (e.g. a match); hit to destroy (especially a lock), break off

e.g. 1. U korni u kpaya
ambaka uda ikang. *It is
difficult to strike a wet
match.*

2. Meng or kpaya dorkin
dai? *Who destroyed this
lock ?*

3. Kana kor ke ka kpaya.
That branch will break.

kpe (v) pay; beg for
forgiveness, apologise
to; preside over a case

1. Ta kpe aye maruum
maingo? *Have you paid
him your debt.*

2. Seeng de kpe aye. *Go
and apologise to him/ her.*

3. Meng or kpe ikpe
nyor ? *Who presided over
that case ?*

kpeek (v) limp; hobble

kpeem (v) beg something
from

kpekpe (adv) all,
completely

e.g. 1. Baquai kpekpe. *Bring
all.*

2. Wiriri bien mini mor
kpekpe. *Pour away that
water completely.*

kpekpere (adj) every

e.g. A chorm u kpe munei
a kpekpere a chiap a
chooni. *You must pay a
fee for every animal that you
hunt.*

kpekpere a biain (n)
everything

kpekpere a orne (n)
everybody, everyone

kpeme (v) watch, watch
over, guard, safeguard

kpemene (v) put ablaze

kpep (v) for fire to burst
into flames; for a trap
to move into a position
that indicates that it has
caught an animal

kpера (v) get down, climb
down, reach

kpewere (v) teach; train;
coach

kpewi (v) learn, study,
practice, train in

kpіi (v) open (e.g. ears, eye
or eyes, a pan or box)

kpika (v) get interrupted,
interrupt; restrain,
control

kpikiri (v) teach someone
a lesson; discipline;
chastise, reprimand,
rebuke

e.g. Be kpikiri aye, nkwor u
sai a morng or
tonrnghor kuba baikait
bemorng. *They have
taught him/ her a lesson,
that is why he/ she is
beginning to take his/ her
time.*

kpini (v) insist; persist

e.g. Kpara kpini. *Don't insist.*

kpini na (v) insist on, egg on

e.g. Kpini na aye ko o be china. *Egg on him/her so he/she does not forget.*

kpiya (v) cover (e.g. a pan, box, or a pit)

kpiiya (v) cover (e.g. oneself with a cloth); lie prostrate

e.g. 1. Erequa bioi bu nu ngo, kpiiya eta chor. *If you are feeling cold, cover that cloth.*

2. Erekwa etoong e nu ngo, kpiiya a bukei. *If you feel dizzy, lie prostrate.*

(adj) shut; dumbfounded
e.g. inwha imorng i kpiiya. *His/her mouth is shut.*

kpoi (v) peel (e.g. plantain); vomit, throw up

kpok (v) pluck or harvest (especially vegetables and fruits)

kpono (v) respect; honour
e.g. Achorm u kpono boonum. *You have to respect elders.*

kpononi (v) don't respect; don't honour
e.g. Ntak a kpononi boonum a? *Why is it that you don't respect elders?*

kpook (v) eat or suck a bone

kpook (v) make (usually a fire)

e.g. A dor u kpook dion? *Do you know how to make a fire?*

kpoowa (v) barking, (figuratively) shouting loudly

e.g. 1. Ebia chor e kpoowa mmung? *Why is that dog barking.*

2. A kpoowa mmung ma, Ojom? *Why are you barking here, Ojom?*

kporba (v) hang (especially for safe keeping)

e.g. Kporba eta engo ma. *Hang your clothes here.*

kporbi (v) remove, for example clothes, from a hanging position

kpork (v) walk too slowly; dally, dawdle; jeer, boo

e.g. 1. Or ya u kpork duseeng. *He is fond of walking slowly.*

2. Erequa o dioni quai ma, kpork nor na aye. *If he/she comes in here, jeer at him/her.*

kporkere (v) open with a key; quickly make a fire

kporkpor (adv) forever; never

- e.g. 1. A ka taak ma
kporkpor? *Will you
remain here forever?*
2. N di quai daing ma
kporkpor. *I will not come
here forever.*

kporkpor na kpor (adv)
never; for ever and ever

- e.g. 1. Mmi nyenene?
kporkpor na kpor. *Me
again? Never.*
2. Or yeyen ndior
kporkpor na kpor.
*He/she is departing for ever
and ever.*

kporkpora (adj) every
e.g. Kporkpora orne enor
orborn. *Everyone to the
chief's palace.*

kporkporini (adv) always

kpori (v) pull down
things (such as hanging
ropes) from a height

kporiguai (v) come out en
mass

e.g. Be kporiquai ngha
bini. *They came out en mass
like ants.*

kpoloro (adv) openly;
clearly

e.g. N na sai seeng biain
bumi kpoloro. *I always
do my things openly.*

kpoort (v) shave hair;
remove thatches from a
roof

- e.g. 1. Koko, n ka kpoort
nin. *Papa, I want to shave*
2. Or kpoort ekai enor
emong. *He/she has
removed the thatches of the
roof of his house.*

kport (adv) only

e.g. N ning chaap chaini
kport a nasona pak. *I
saw one animal only in the
National Park.*

kporya (v) peel off the
skin of (e.g. banana, a
toe, or healing wound)

kpou (v) bark repeatedly;
(figuratively) shout
loudly and repeatedly

kpowa (v) bark once;
shout loudly (once)

kpuki (v) touch

kuba (v) hold; catch; take
care of

kuba dara (v) [idiomatic]
agree on a strategy;
reach an agreement.

e.g. Kuba dara naaye. *Agree
on a strategy with him/her.*

kuba baikait (v) to be
careful, to take
one's time

kuba dono (v) reach an
agreement/final
decision

e.g. Ta bu kuba dono a
ukwen quor? *Have you
reached an agreement on
that issue yet?*

kubi (v) cooking
e.g. O kubi deesi. *She/he is cooking rice.*

kui (n) bone

kui ka dutang (n) a rib

kui ka equook (n) hip bone

kuk (v) count

kuka (v) wound (for example someone, an animal or a tree)

kum (v) stitch (e.g. thatches); weave (e.g. cloth)

kuma (v) momentarily pound the ground with the feet

kun (conj) then; otherwise; will have, would have

e.g. 1. Kun mmung u ka tibe? *Then what will happen?*

2. Kun M biri quai. Otherwise I would not have come.

3. Kun ta N dion. *I would have arrived.*

kunghi (v) exume (e.g. a corpse)

kup (v) cook
e.g. A kwaka u kup mmung? *What do you want to cook?*

kura (v) shake off (briefly, especially dirt, dust or tiny animals from)

kuraa (adv) act deliberately, voluntarily, out of one's volition
e.g. Mmi n kuraa sai. *I did it voluntarily.*

kuuka (v) have a wound
e.g. A kwaka u kuuka? *Do you want to have a wound?*

kuum (v) pound the ground repeatedly with the feet; to move about pounding the ground proudly

kuun (n) a tortoise; (figuratively) a cunning person

kuun ka mini (n) a turtle

kuut (v) shake off especially dirt, dust or tiny animals from

kuut baikait (v) urinate (a polite, euphemistic expression for), go to the bathroom

kuwiri (adj) short (always preceded by a noun or a pronoun)

e.g. 1. A kuwiri. *You are short.*

kwa (v) die, died, dead; wither, withered; cost
e.g. 1. Kpara sai aye or fara kwa.

Don't let him/her die soon.

2. Daria dai de kwa munaii
munwang? *How much*
does this food cost?

kwaa (v) pick

kwak (v) want

e.g. M biri kwak u ning aye
daing. *I don't want to see*
him/her again

kwaka (v) search, look
for; want, need

e.g. 1. A kwaka mmung?
What are you looking for?
What do you want/need?

2. A kwaka u nyi mmang
Where do you want to go?

kwaki (v) don't want;
don't like

e.g. N kwaki u ning ngo
ma daing. *I don't want to*
see you here again

kwanaka (adv) later; in a
little while, for a while;
soon; a little

e.g. 1. N ka ning ngo
kwanaka. *I'll see you later.*
N ka rik kwanaka. *I'll*
return soon.

2. Be ka re ma kwanaka.
They will be here in a little
while.

3. Deek ma kwanaka. *Rest*
here for a while.

4. N yani aye nke kwanaka.
I don't like him/her even a
little.

kwei (v) sweep; clear
(everything)

kwen (n) a child

kwen a bak (n) a baby

kwen a buman (n)
maternal nephew or
niece

kwen a buwon (n)
paternal nephew or
niece

kwen a nkwet (n) a pupil,
a student

kwen a enor (n) a servant

kwen a okpiya (n) an
orphan child

kwen a okpo (n) an
assistant to a hunter
(whose responsibility is
to help carry the meat
and other items)

kwen a ornaton (n) a girl;
a daughter

kwen a ornerom (n) a
boy; a son

Kwen a Orbasi (n) a
child of God; the Son
of God

kwen a orboror (n) a
small drum, smaller
than orboror

kwen a orchorn (n) a
baby

e.g. A biri de daing kwen a
orchorn. *You are no*
longer a baby.

kwen a orom unorm (n)
cockerel

kwewi (adj) sharp

e.g. Idiaii nyi i kwewi.

This cutlass is sharp.
kwewikweu (adj) sharp
 e.g. Chang mmi idiaii i kwewikweu. *Give me a sharp cutlass.*
kweye (v) sweep (briefly and fast)
 e.g. Seng de kweye bien mbio chor. *Go and sweep away that dirt.*
kwo (prep) [se also quo] this
 e.g. N kwaka kwo. *I want this.*
kwor (prep) [se also quor] that
 e.g. 1. N kwaka kwor. *I want that.*
 2. Unorn kwor ndior? *Is that the fowl?*
kworbere (v) relax tension (e.g. of the hand or behaviour); moderate
 e.g. Kworbere kiro kingo, mbork. *Moderate your behaviour, please.*
kworkere (v) relax tension of (e.g. a rope or tie)
kworn (v) fear; escape; flee
 e.g. 1. Kpara kworn. *Don't be afraid.*
 2. Erequa a biri tum korm ochu quor or ka kworn. *If you don't tie that thief well he/she will escape.*

kworna (adj) small, some, a few, a little
kworni (v) fear; avoiding (adj) afraid; afraid of
 e.g. 1. Or kworni mmi. *He/she fears me.*
 2. Or kworni poris. *He/she is avoiding the police.*
 3. Or kworni. *He/she is afraid.*
 4. Or kworni rkwe. *He/she is afraid of a leopard.*
kwornorchorn (n) a young person
 (adj) young
kwororo (v) to preach; to prattle
kwoya (v) scrape; scrub (briefly and fast; e.g. a finger or toe nail)
kwu (prep) this
 e.g. Unorn kwu ungo? *Is this fowl yours?*

Mm

M (pro) I

e.g. M beke ning?

What did I say?

ma (adv) that; this; here

e.g. 1. N kere ma... *I think that...*

2. Ma mmung? *What is this?*

3. Quai ma. *Come here.*

maab (v) seal (especially many holes)

maaba (adj) blocked (e.g. a hole)

e.g. Doboki dor de maaba. *That hole is blocked.*

maak (v) kick, kicked, play, played (usually football); sting (repeatedly), stung

e.g. 1. N ya u maak borl. *I like to play football.*

2. Munanong mu maak aye. *Wasps have stung him/her.*

maaka (v) plays, playing, kicking; stinging

e.g. 1. Or maaka borl. *He plays football.*

2. Be maaka borl aranghaquo. *They are playing football now.*

3. Mmung u maaka ngo nyi ndior? *What is stinging you like that?*

maan (v) kick, sting (once); open (especially an umbrella or pen-knife)

maba (v) cork, corked; block, blocked; push in, pushed in; seal, sealed

e.g. Or maba ekpaime chor? *Has he/she corked that bottle?*

2. Maba doboki dor a dubut. *Seal that hole in the wall.*

3. I maba doboki da ewort. *We have blocked the tunnel of a giant rat.*

mabi (v) open (especially a bottle); unseal, uncap

Maach [from Eng.] (n) March

Mai [from Eng.] (n) May

maii (v) (v) twinkle; flash (e.g. stars or lightning)

maii neen (v) blink, blinking; wink, winking; wink at (repeatedly), winking at

mak (v) mop, mop up

makara (v) wriggle; fidget; become agitated

e.g. Or makara mmung nyi ndior? *Why is he/she so agitated?*

maki (n) maggi, a soup flavouring

mama (n) mama, a child's name for mother

mamana (v) close, clench
(usually a fist); press;
hold firm or tight; snap
(as of a trap)

mamfaibairai (n) a lie, lies
e.g. 1. Mamfaibairai! *Lies!*
2. A tangha mamfaibairai.
You are telling lies.

mami (v) open (usually a
cleched fist)
e.g. Mami ubor ungo, i
ning kwa a mori. *Open
your hand, let's see what
you are holding.*

man (v) give birth; roll
into a ball (e.g. fufu)

manana (v) to quickly roll
into a ball (e.g. fufu)

manang (n) a lie; the act
of spreading or making
secret reports about
someone or people
e.g. 1. A keria manang
ndai? *Did you think this
was a lie?*

2. Onerom quor or ya kpai
manang. *That man is too
fond of making secret
reports.*

mandai (adv) here
e.g. Quai mandai. *Come
here.*

mandior (adv) there
e.g. A ka nyi mandior? *Will
you go there?*

mankoro [from Eng.] (n)
a mango; mangoes
(fruits)

mani (v) mothered (a
child), gave birth to
e.g. Meng or mani ngo?
Who gave birth to you?

(n) a title for an elderly
woman
e.g. Mani Aret o quai. *Elder
Aret has come.*

mansai (n) a long basket
for carrying heavy load
usually on the back

maruum (n) a debt; debts
e.g. N dorni u kpak
maruum maimi. *I don't
know how to ask for my
debt.*

maya (v) twinkle, blink,
wink; flash (once or
momentarily)

maya...neen (v) wink at
e.g. A maya meng neen?
Who did you wink at?

mbaini (pro) which
e.g. Ben mbaini ndai?
Which children are these?

mbam (v) a jug
e.g. Ameme omi or chorm
ikpor a mbam. *My father
has a big jug.*

mbansang [from Efi.] (n)
groundnut or
groundnuts

mbakem (n) a short cut;
an unpopular route

usually hidden from
strangers or visitors
mbat [from Efi.] (n) a
swamp
mbe (pro) they; them
e.g. 1. Mbe ndai. *Here they
are.*
2. Bek mbe. *Tell them.*
mbebai (pro) these; these
ones (usually people)
mbebor (pro) those; those
ones (usually people)
mbet (n) the law; a
regulation; a policy; a
commandment; a
taboo; contraband
e.g. 1. A chorm u kpono
mbet. *You have to respect
the law.*
2. Koom mbet emi. *Keep
my commandment.*
3. Norborn nere a mbet.
Cartridges are contraband.
Mbet Orbasi (n)
Commandment of God
mbio (n) waste; refuse,
rubbish; garbage; trash;
junk; litter
e.g. N ka bieni mmang
mbio chai? *Where will I
dispose of this waste?*
mbiorbiort (n) water leaf,
a vegetable used,
usually in combination
with another types of
vegetable for cooking

delicious West African
soup
mboon (pro) you (plural)
e.g. Mboon a? *Where are
you?*
mboon na mboon (pro)
amongst yourselves
e.g. U tungghi ning bu nuya
mboonamboon? *How
come it that you fight
amongst yourselves?*
mbor (pro) it
e.g. Mbor ndai? *Is it it?*
mbork (adv) please
e.g. Mbork, kpara yain
nne. *Please, don't hate me.*
mbornambor (adv) only
e.g. Buni mbornanbor?
One only?
mborya (n) a buddy, a
friend, a companion
mbuk (n) a report; news
e.g. Ta bu kpang mbuk e
bangha mbe? *Have heard
any news about them?*
mbuk a kpain (n) [lit.
story of the past]
history
mbume (n) a question
e.g. Meng o buwa mbume
chor? *Who asked that
question?*
mbuni (pro) which
e.g. Bunkwet mbuni ndai?
Which books are these?
mbut! (n) an expression of
non-challance meaning

“I don’t care” or “Take your responsibility”

mee (v) be patient; tolerate; endure; persevere

meek (v) nod, nodded

meeke (v) tilt, tilted; bend, bent (for something to); nodding

e.g. 1. Dubut dor du meeke. *That wall has tilted.*

2. Kakam kpor ke meeke. *That plantain has bent.*

3. A biri ning arangha m meeke dono daimi? *Didn’t you see how I was nodding my head?*

meekere (v) tilt (something)

e.g. A ka keme u meekere ankang a kainaii kor? *Will you be able to bend that big stick?*

meekeri (adj) not habituated; not familiar with; unfamiliar with; not fond of

e.g. 1. Ichap nyor i mekeri uka na bene. *Those animals are not yet habituated with humans.*

2. Ebia chai e mekeri na ibon. *This dog is not familiar with us.*

3. M mekeri na aye. *I am not fond of him/her.*

meeki (v) choose, select

e.g. Meeki ubet a ka norngaha. *Choose the room in which you will sleep.*

meen (v) swallow (e.g. eat fufu continuously); drink (habitually, e.g. beer, wine, etc)

meeng (pro) who

e.g. Meeng ndior? *Who is that?*

mek (v) choose, select

e.g. Mek kwa a ka dia. *Choose what you will eat.*

meke (v) beckon (with the hand)

e.g. Meke mmi erequa ini i kemi. *Beckon to me when it is time.*

(adj) be used to; be familiar with; become habituated

e.g. 1. N tornghor u meke na mbe. *I am beginning to be familiar with them.*

2. Ichap nyor i tornghor u meke na bene. *Those animals are beginning to be habituated with humans.*

meki (v) chose; selected; move from a leaning position

e.g. 1. Meng or meki enor chai? *Who chose this house?*

2. Kemet kor ke meki.
That fire wood has moved from its leaning position.
meki nor (v) fall from a leaning position
 e.g. Dion dor du ka meki nor, erequa a biri tum suwa ndor. *That gun will fall from its leaning position if you don't lean it well.*
men (v) swallow (fast, e.g. fufu); drink (e.g. beer, wine, etc)
miam (adj) quiet, silent
 e.g. Sa miam. *Be quiet.*
mianghi (n) urine
miem (v) minimize, minimized; disrespect, disrespected; undermine, undermined
min (v) blow (usually the nose)
 e.g. 1. Erequa ichon ingo I maaba min. *If your nose is blocked blow.*
 2. N ka min ichon. *I will blow my nose.*
mina (v) press; switch on, e.g. a torch
mini (n) water; rain
mini mini (v) use or take by pinch; to manage by using bit by bit
 (adj) watery
mkpaik (n) show-off (especially of beauty)

e.g. Ornaton quor or ya mkpaik. *That woman likes show-off.*
mkpaisin [from Efi.] (n) vaccination, inoculation
mkpork (n) slime
mkpork a korngha (n) phlegm
mkporkorbi (n) imprisonment; prison
 e.g. 1. Or chorm niet dio a mkporkorbi. *He/she has ten years imprisonment.*
 2. A korbor uchu a ka nyi mkporkorbi. *If you continue stealing you will go to prison.*
mkporkporor [from a masquerade that wanders about] (n) a vagabond
 e.g. Kwen kwor atata mkporkporor. *That child is a typical vagabond.*
mitin [from Eng.] (n) a meeting; meetings
miiuut (n) water chevrotains
mmang (pro) where
 e.g. A nyi mmang? *Where are you going?*
mbmbuni (n) a lame person
mmi (pro) me
mmorning (pro) he, she; him, her

mmornng quor (pro) that;
that one (usually
people)

mmung (pro) what
e.g. Mmung a kwaka u sia?

What do you want to do?

moi (v) cheat

moork (v) throw objects
(especially at someone
or something); harvest
fruits by throwing
objects at them

e.g. 1. Moork bubon bor.

*Throw stones/small sticks
at those goats.*

2. I kwaka u mork
busokoro. *We want to
pluck oranges with
stones/small sticks.*

moorm (v) grope; feel
someone around;
search someone

e.g. 1. Kpara moorm mmi
nyi ndior. Don't search
me like that.

2. Nik u moorm mmi ini a
n dat. *Stop feeling around
my body when I am asleep.*

moorn (v) shoot at, throw
an object at someone
or something; strike at
(e.g. for a snake to)

e.g. 1. Kwen quor or morn
nne na unaan. *That child
throw a stone at me.*

2. A duma na enu e ka
moorn ngo. *If you play*

*with a snake it will strike
at you.*

moora (v) nailing, making
by nailing; knocking;
conking

moort (v) nail, make by
nailing; knock, conk

mora (v) knock (e.g. a
door); conk; hit
(particularly a nail)

e.g. Mora itum a ba dion.

*Knock the door before you
enter.*

mork (v) be sick

e.g. Kpara mork, a kpang?

Don't be sick, OK?

morka (v) sick; suffer
from, suffering from
e.g. 1. A morka? *Are you
sick?*

2. A morka mung? *What
are your sick of?*

3. Or morka daak. *He/she
is suffering from
stammering.*

morki (adj) not sick or ill
e.g. Kating a morki? *Could
it mean that you are not
sick?*

mori (v) hold, holding,
held; owe, owing, owed
e.g. 1. Ekpaime asik or
mori. *It is not a bottle that
he/she holds.*

2. A mori mmung? *What
are you holding?*

3. A mori mmung aye?
What do you owe him/her?

Mondai [from Eng.] (n)

Monday

mongkwo (pro) this one

e.g. Mongkwo asik. *It is not this one.*

mornghene (v) gather,
assemble, unite

morni nkaim [from Eja.]

(n) a young woman in a
fattening room after
circumcision

morni nyam [from Eja.]

(n) cane rat, also known
as cutting grass

mort (v) handle; hold;

keep; take care of

e.g. 1. Nik or mort ukwen
quor. *Let him/her handle
that case.*

2. Meeng or ka mort
ekpaime chai? *Who will
keep this bottle?*

3. Tum mort baikait
baingo. *Take good care of
yourself.*

mooto [from Eng.](n) a
motor, a vehicle, a car,
a lorry (also used as
plural)

muka (v) put into the
mouth especially all the
food that one is holding

muki (v) up-root
(momentarily e.g. in

harvesting cassava), to
pull out from the roots)

mum (v) smile
(continuously)

mumaa (v) hold
something in the
mouth or jaw

e.g. Or kemeni u tang, a
ntak a o mumaa biain
inwha. *He/she can't
speak, because he holds
something in the mouth.*

(adj) unable to speak,
become dumb,
especially as a result of
an illness;

dumbfounded, for the
mouth to become shut

e.g. 1. Inwha imorng i
mumaa a ntak a
orkporsorng a bumork.
*He has become dumb due to
a serious illness.*

2. Inwha imorng i mumaa,
a ntak a akpan ukwen u
yarara. *He/she is
dumbfounded because the
truth is out.*

mumbiet (n) mongooses

mumfaikaire (n) an
argument; arguments

mumi (v) smiling
e.g. A mumi mmung? *Why
are you smiling?*

mumkpor (n) hawks

mumkpor ma enyam (n)
monkey-eating eagles

muntaam (n) caps; hats
muntore (n)
 explanations;
 narrations; statements;
 e.g. Be koon aye akwai a
 muntore. *They call her
 the queen of explanations.*
mumba (n) underwears
mumba (n) hooves
mumbai (n) breasts;
 breast milk
mumbai ma eworm (n)
 [lit.: cow breast milk]
 milk
mumbe (pro) their; theirs
 (plurals for words
 beginning with “m”)
 e.g. 1. Mumba mumbe
 ndai. *These are their
 underwears.*
 2. Muntum mumbe ndai?
Are these their doors?
mumbiet (n) mongooses
mumboot (n) wasps
 (those that resemble
 mud wasps and can
 also be found in a
 house); conks, knocks
 (on the head)
mumbop (n) brain;
 intelligence
mumbubui (n) wild
 pigeons
mumbubui ma orkat (n)
 pigeons
mundomo (n)
 temptations; trials

mumfaikairai (n)
 misunderstanding,
 quarrel
mumkpa (n) canes (used
 for beating); strokes (of
 the cane)
 e.g. 1. Chang mmi
 mumkpa mor. *Give me
 those canes.*
 2. N ka chang aye
 mumkpa munwan a
 disaing. *I will give
 him / her two strokes on the
 buttocks.*
mumkpakot (n) shoes
mumkpeke (n) curtains
 (used to conceal beds)
mumkpunghukpunghu
 (n) mumps
mun (v) is, was (usually
 used for nouns that
 begin with “min”,
 “mun”
 e.g. 1. Mini mun ka norp.
The rain will fall.
 2. Munchai mun chun aye
 a bakait. *He / she is short
 of blood.*
munai (n) insults; curses
munaii (n) money (in
 plural form)
 e.g. N chorm munaii. *I have
 money / I am rich.*
munaii ma nkwt (n)
 pens; pencils

munanong (n) wasps
 (small in size and
 mostly in the wild)
munchab ma disaing (n)
 buttocks
munchabiri (n) buttocks
munchai (n) blood
munchai munkorn (v)
 (figuratively) have an
 intuition or an instinct
 e.g. Munhai munkorn nne.
I have an intuition/instinct.
munchain (n) tears; cry;
 mourning
munchari (n) bitter kola
 (seeds)
mundap ma nen (n) eye
 lashes
munde (inf. v) is, is
 available; are, are
 available (nouns that
 begin with “mi” or
 “mu” go with
 “munde”)
mundek (n) jaws
mundum (n) parrots
muneei (n) oil
muneei ma ekeng (n)
 python oil
muneei ma mfor (n)
 njabe oil
muneei ma soi (n) honey
muneei ma inoi (n) poga
 oil
muneei ma bukorma (n)
 rubbing oil

muneei mundoni (n) red
 palm oil
munen (n) blue duikers (a
 specified and an
 unspecified number of)
munfiaim (n) whistles
 (made of metal or
 plastic)
munfum (n) stools
 (especially for the
 kitchen)
munkakani (n) fishing
 cage-traps made of
 bamboos (a specified
 and an unspecified
 number of)
munken (n) tilapias
munkene (n) cockroaches
munkoko (n) feathers
munkom (n) njasasnga”,
 “njansang”, seeds used
 for thickening and
 flavouring soup
munkooma (n) gizzards
munkorng (n)
 perewinkles
munkormor (n) drums
munkot (n) spoons
munkot ma nenen (n)
 forks
munkpai (n) the two
 divided parts or lips
 (especially of virgina)
munkpainyin (n)
 scorpions
munkpakot (n) shoes

munkpe (n) cases, court cases; judgments
munkpeke (n) curtains (used to conceal beds)
munku (n) bay duikers
munkung (n) chests
munkuuka (n) wounds
munkuyoork (n) otters
munkwou (n) hunger
munok (n) drink (whiskey, beer, or wine)
munork (n) salt
munorng (n) wood ash
munornoi (n) fingers
munsat (n) nets (especially the type put across a river)
munsop (n) fines
munsung (n) messengers
munsosoka (n) weaver birds
muntai (n) calves (of the legs)
muntaim (n) pieces of advice; counsels; recommendations; proposals; suggestions
muntam (n) caps; hats
muntem (n) a string of beads, usually worn round the neck or waist
muntork (n) sand flies
muntort (n) birds
muntort ma ekai (n) palm birds

muntort ma orkat (n) cattle egrets
munchari (n) bitter kola (plural with no specific number)
muntorere (v) narration, narrations; statement, statements
 e.g. Ba muntorere mumorng. *Take his/her statement.*
muntuum [from Efi.] (n) doors
munwain (n) shins
munwakara (n) junctions, bifurcations; confluences,
munwha (n) mouths; squirrels
munwha ma mumbai (n) nipples
munyangha (n) palm kernel oil
munyai nyaii (n) bush pigs, red river hogs
munyai nyaii ma orkat (n) pigs (domestic)
munyononi (n) stars; whistles (made through the mouth)
muuk (v) devour, put a lot of food into the mouth at a time before chewing
muuki (v) up-root continuously (e.g. in

harvesting cassava), to
pull out from the roots
muum (v) grumble,
complain; hum
muuma (v) smile (briefly)
muuntaam (n) caps; hats
muuntuum (n) doors (a
specified and an
unspecified number of)

Nn

i (pro) we, it

na (conj) and, with,

together with; through

e.g. 1. Ngo na mmi biain
buni. [lit.: *You and me are
one thing*] *We are relatives.*

2. N ka numa ngo inaii
nyor na aye. *I shall send
you that money through
him.*

(inf.v) has not, have not
e.g. Or na quai. *He/she has
not come.*

naan (n) medicines; drugs

naan na dayawa (n) love
charms

naaraan (n) monitor
lizards

naba (adj) scarce

e.g. Ichap i naba ndurie.
*Meat is/animals are scarce
nowadays.*

na daikwai (adv) in the
day, by day

e.g. N ya dusend na
daikwai. *I like travelling
by day.*

na dei (adv) at night, by
night

e.g. 1. Or quai na dei.
He/she came at night.

2. N yani u seng da dei. *I
don't like travelling by
night.*

nafia (n) slaps

nai (v) to insult
(repeatedly)

naifaibairai (n) sparrows

naifaikayo (n) umbrellas

naik (v) sharpen

e.g. Naik idiaii nyor.

Sharpen that cutlass.

naikain (n) tails

naim (v) shine; glow;
reflect

naimi (v) shining;
glowing; reflecting

naina (v) mention; put a
tapping container in
place to collect the
liquid

e.g. 1. Kpara naina din
dimi. *Don't mention my
name*

2. Naina desip a orkem
quor. *Put a calabash
under the palm (to collect
the wine)*

naip (v) direct (especially
someone where to find
something)

e.g. Naip nne eyain a
koomi edising chor.
*Direct me where you have
kept that knife*

nairaii (n) oil palms

nairaii na orkat (n) [lit. :
whiteman's

palms] pineapples

nairon (n) nylon

nairuk (adj) another,
 other, some other (for
 nouns beginning with
 “ne”, “na”, “nor” or
 “no”
 e.g. 1. Neyen nairuk
 nere? *Are there other
 plums?*
 2. Nasan nairuk ndai. *Here
 are some other plates.*
naisairai (n) Sunbirds
 e.g. Naisaisai ne ya
 echimini chai. *Sunbirds
 like these fruits.*
naisip (n) calabashes
 (many and also a
 specified number of)
naiyin (n) families
na kabat (adv) in the
 afternoon, at noon
nakan (n) messages
nakaara (n) curtains
 (especially of Ekwe or
 grand, public occasions)
nakat (n) whitemen
na kito (adv) in the
 morning
na kori (adv) in the
 evening; at dusk
nakwau (n) ampits
nami (v) take (as an
 encouragement by an
 onlooker)); seize
nan (adj) be fortunate; be
 blessed; be free
 e.g. 1. N nan. *I am
 fortunate/ blessed*

2. N nan aye a ubor. *I am
 free from his/ her hand.*
nanaan (n) stones;
 cartridges; (a
 euphemism) batteries
nanani (n) wounds;
 injuries
nanau (n) thighs
nang (v) spread secret
 information about
 someone; make or give
 out a secret report
 about someone
 e.g. Or nang nne. *He has
 made a secret report against
 me.*
nani (v) straighten, iron
nani iworn [lit.: straighten
 feet](v) stroll (a
 euphemistic expression)
nanwa (n) cats (pussy
 cats)
nanyeng (n) abscesses
nap (adj) scarce
 e.g. Ichap i torngbor u nap
 urum ubon. *Animals are
 beginning to be scarce in our
 forest.*
nadaikang [from Efi](n)
 matches; match boxes
nasaam (n) spears (a
 specified and an
 unspecified number of)
nasan (n) plates; bowls (a
 specified and an
 unspecified number of)

nasona pak [from
Eng.](n) National Park
nau (v) scratch
 (continuously especially
 to reduce itching)
nawa (v) scratch (briefly
 especially to reduce
 itching)
nawam (n) hooks
nawan (n) a canoes
nawan na inchin (n) (lit:
 engine canoes) engine
 boats; speed boats
nawoo! (inj) an expression
 of disappointment or
 bitter surprise
naya (v) insult, abuse
 (once or for a moment)
na a yaya na a yani (conj)
 like it or not
 e.g. Na a yaya na a yani, n
 ka quai a enor engo
 ndaikwai. *Like it or not, I
 shall come to your house
 today.*
nchaini (pro) which (for
 nouns beginning with
 “n”
 e.g. A ya nkwet nchaini?
Which book do you like?
ncheneruk (adv) perhaps,
 perchance, maybe,
 possibly
 e.g. 1. Ncheneruk or ka
 quai? *Perhaps he/she will
 come.*
nchornanchor (adv) only

e.g. Chaini nchornanchor.
One only.
ndai (adv) here; this
 is/these are, is this/are
 these; this, these
 e.g. 1. Mmi ndai. *Here I am.*
 2. Chaap ndai. *This is an
 animal/ This is meat.*
 3. Mmung ndai? *What is
 this?*
ndaikwai (adv) today;
 tonight
ndaing (adv) here; this
 way
ndaini (pro) which
 e.g. Dorkorng ndaini ndai?
Which pot is this?
ndek (n) dirt, filth
ndere (conj) because
 e.g. Kating ndere a tungchi
 esaing a enor inyene? *Is
 it because you come from
 wealthy family?*
ndior (adv) abosultely,
 exactly; right, that’s
 right
 e.g. Ndior.
*Absolutely/ right/ that’s
 right.*
ndior asik (v) isn’t it
 e.g. 1. Dusarari du
 nyangha u sai Kororp
 ke re dorbork dorbork,
 ndior asik? *Disunity has
 contributed to making
 Kororp remain backward,
 isn’t it?*

ndiro (n) a mouth organ

ndisime [from Efi.] (n)

rubbish; stupidity

ndor (adv) there

ndorng (n) group, team;
line, file

e.g. 1. Or reni a ndorng
aibon. *He is not in our
team.*

2. Baat a ndorng. *Stand in a
line.*

3. Nik i send a ndorng
chaini. *Let's move in a
single file.*

ndornandor (adv) only

e.g. Duni ndornandor. *One
only.*

nduk (n) soup (from
pottage food)

ndukndian [from Efi.](n)
pen-knife

nduni (pro) which

Duchai nduni ndai?

Which stream is this?

ndurie (adv) these days,
nowadays; present
generation

e.g. 1. N dorni utibe na aye
ndurie. *I don't know what
is wrong with him
nowadays.*

2. Ben ba ndurie be
kpononi bene. *Children
of the present generation
don't respect people.*

ne (art.) are; has; have

e.g. Rairaii ne re. *There are
palm nuts.*

(v) meet, accost

e.g. Ne aye. *Meet him/ her.*

nebereng (n) valleys

e.g. Nebereng ne chawi
kpai katana kai. *There are
too many valleys in this
area.*

neeke (n) stories, tales;
histories

neeke na kpain (n) [lit.
Stories of the past]
folklore

neen (n) eyes

neep (v) to litter (with
dirt), to dirty

neeyeen (n) plums (a
specified or unspecified
number of)

neeyeen na orkat (n)
pears or avocados

neh (v) clear (e.g. grass or
farm), cut (e.g. grass);
meet

e.g. 1. Neh karam. *Clear
the grass.*

2. Neh nsangha emi. *Meet
my friend.*

nekang (n) saltlick

e.g. Ichaap i quai a nekang
nai a kporkporor ini.
*Animals visit this saltlick
regularly.*

neke (adj) tasty, palatable
e.g. Borkor bor be neke? *Is
that food tasty/palatable?*

neke neke (adj) tasty,
palatable

e.g. N ya borkor be neke
neke. *I like tasty food*

nekebe (n) boxes; coffins

nekem (n) felled oil
palms, for tapping

nekere (adv) well;
thoroughly, properly;
really, actually;
diligently, skillfully;
well; studiuosly

e.g. 1. Nekere kpang a ba
buk. *Hear well before you
report.*

2. Nekere kwop mbe. *Beat
them thoroughly.*

3. Onaton quor or nekere
normi. *That woman is
really beautiful.*

4. Nekere sai duwom
dungo. *Do your work
diligently.*

5. Or nekere yait nkwet
chai. *He/she has written
this book skillfully.*

6. A nekere yeu udomo
ungo? *Have you passed
your exams well?*

7. Or nekere kpaka kakpat
kemorng enain ko
kwen quor or nor.
*He/she studiously blocked
the way with his foot so
that the child should fall.*

nekeri (adv) does not
really

e.g. Or nekeri dor kikaim
ki. *He/she does not really
know this area.*

nekesu (n) small cages
(like the fishing type)
for trapping rats; a
euphemism for cage-
traps for fishing

nem (n) crack (especially
kernel)

e.g. Nyangha ornwa u nem
ichu. *Help your mother
crack palm kernels.*

neme (v) discuss,
converse; dialogue

nem (v) cracking
e.g. A nemi mmung? *What
are you cracking?*

nenene (v) meet up with;
encounter

nendindi (n) lizards (the
small, dark type)

nere (v) cussion with; pad
with.

e.g. Nere ikwang ekpa
chor a ba koorn
bukpait bor. *Pad the bag
with leaves before you put
the cocoyams.*

neruk (adj) another (for
words that begin with
“na”, “ne”)

e.g. 1. Nasan neruk.
Another plates/bowls.

2. Or chormi norkorng
neruk. *He/she doesn't
have another pots.*

3. N chorm nororibot neruk. *I have another pillows.*
neu (adj) cold; be silent, calm (to be)
 e.g. 1. Mini bu neu ! *The water, so cold!*
 2. Neu! *Be silent!*
neuwi (adj) cold; silent; quiet
 e.g. 1. Or ya mini mu neuwi.
He/she likes cold water.
 2. Urumanyen u neuwi saaii. *The (virgin) forest is eerie silent.*
neuwineu (adj) cold; quiet; silent
 e.g.1. N ya mini mu neuwineu. *I like cold water.*
 2. Ayain chai e neuwineu nning ndai? *Why is this place so quiet?*
newe (v) nullify (especially a charm); neutralize (especially a poison)
newere (v) make a hot thing cold by pouring or addition cold water; cool down oneself, for instance, with a cold drink or a cold shower
nfina [from Efi.](n) trouble, problem; misunderstanding

- nfor** (n) a tree, commonly called njabe, whose seeds are used to produce edible oil and whose chaff can be used to poison fish as a method of fishing; seeds of the tree
nforokum [from Efi.] (n) cotton; [euphemism] light
 e.g. Eta emi ere nforokum.
My clothes is cotton.
nfuk (n) dust
ngha (adj) like, as, such as
 e.g. 1. N kwaka afarawa quo or normi ngha eyo.
I want a flower that is beautiful like the setting sun.
 2. N kwaka orne quo or fara kenweye, ngha Akparika. *I want someone that runs fast, such as Akparika.*
ngharangha (adv) the way; as; as much as, as well as
 e.g. 1 Bebe ngharangha m bebe. *Jump the way I jumped*
 2. Sai ngharangha m beke ngo. *Do as I told you.*
 3. Ekese a bene be yani aye ngharangha be ya Ojom. *Many people don't*

*like him as much as they
like Ojom.*

4. Be kemeni u sai duwom
du ngharangha ibom i
sai. *They cannot do this job
as well as we do.*

nghie (v) excrete; lay
(usually an egg)

nghwam (v) carry,
transport, convey

ngo (pro) you (singular)

ngo kating (pro) alone,
solo

e.g. A ka keme u seeng
ngo kating? *Will you be
able to travel solo?*

ngweek (v) fetch, fetched
(e.g. by splitting or
cutting fire wood)

ngweeke (v) break,
broken (for something
to do so on its own)

ngween (v) break
(especially a stick)

e.g. A keme u ngween
kainaii kor? *Can you
break that stick?*

ngweep (v) dig

ngweke (v) press; press
down

e.g. Kainaii ke ngweke
uworn umorn. *A stick
has pressed his/ her foot.*

ngwei (v) run; escape

ngwei kworn (v) escape

e.g. Onerom quo or ka
ngwei kworn. *This man
will escape.*

ngwep (v) fan

e.g. Ngwep mmi. *Fan me.*

nghwet (v) thrust the
waist forward
and backward; rotate
the hip

ngwornghor (v) swear;
take an oath

e.g. A keme u nwornghor?
Can you swear?

ngweye (v) run; escape

ngwingha (v) hint

e.g. Ngwingha mmi erequa
a kpanghi a be tornghor
u quai. *Hint me when you
hear they have started
coming.*

nh (v) take (an informal
expression, pronounced
with the mouth shut)

ni (adv) there

e.g. Nion ni re. *There are
guns.*

nichaii (n) streams (a
specified number of)

niet (n) years

niimi (v) sweat, perspire

niin (n) names

nik (v) leave someone
alone; stop doing
something; let
something be; let

niki (v) climb (especially steps, bed, chair and other small heights)

nin (n) hair

ninini (v) argue; contend with; debate

e.g. 1. Kpara ninini. *Don't argue.*

2. Or ya u ninini na ibon. *He/she is fond of debating with us.*

ning (v) see, saw, seen; find, found; witness, witnessed; experience, experienced

ninghi (v) recognize, make out; don't...see; don't/can't see; don't/can't see find

e.g. 1. A keme u ninghi aye? *Can you recognize him/her?*

2. Be ninghi kwa a n sai ma. *They recognize what I do here.*

3. A ninghi arang or dunghi na ibon? *Don't you see how he lives with us?*

4. Be ninghi ibon ma. *They do not see us here.*

5. Nke echor a ninghi daing a urum umbe. *You can't find even a snail in their forest again.*

niorn (n) grey hair

e.g. N tornghor u chorma niorn. *I have started having grey hair.*

niorp (n) languages (a specified number of)

e.g. N keme utang niorp ninai. *I can speak four languages.*

nisuwi (n) veins (a specified number of)

niyik (n) horns (a specified number of)
e.g. Enoom e chorm niyik niwan. *A red duiker has two horns.*

nkaim (n) circumcision; a period of seclusion after circumcision

nkam (n) a joke

nkakebaare (n) a misfortune; an agent of misfortune; a demon; a curse, a spell

nkari (n) a trick, cunning, con

e.g. Or kemeni u dummmi nkari. *He/she cannot play me a trick.*

nkarika [from Efi.](n) a bell; a clock; time

nkarika a ubor (n) a wrist watch

nkam (n) show-off (especially of beauty)

nke (conj) even; not even; no matter; although; even though, albeit

- e.g. 1. Nke mornng or chee ngo. *Even he/ her gossips about you.*
2. Nke chaap chaini? *Not even one animal?*
3. Nke mmung, n ka yeu uromo umi. *No matter what, I will pass my exams.*
- nke kwanaka** (adv) even a little; at all
- e.g. Chang mm inke kwanaka . *Give me even a little.*
2. N dorni aye nke kwanaka. *I don't know him/ her at all.*
- nkendior** (conj) even so, that notwithstanding, nevertheless, nonetheless, however
- Nkondup** (n) an extinct village of Kororp, some members of which have been assimilated into Ekon
- nkooorn** (n) a joint
- nkornankor** (adv) only
- e.g. Kaini nkornankor. *One only.*
- nkpaik** (n) a display; show-off, especially of beauty or some other special qualities
- nkpaisin** [from Efi.] (n) vaccination

- e.g. Kwen ongo o nuwa nkpaisin? *Has your child taken vaccination?*
- nkpaka** (n) a button
- nkpanyan** (n) a ring
- nkpanyan a dunung** (n) ear ring
- nkpanyan a ubor** (n) finger ring
- nkui** (n) maize (singular or plural)
- nkumanang** (n) bahama grass
- nkwet** [from Efi.](n) book; letter; schooling; learning; academics, education
- e.g. 1. N chorm ikpor a nkwet. *I have a big book.*
2. Mbork, de yait chang mmi nkwet. *Please, come and help me write a letter.*
3. Kwen quo or na tornghor nkwet. *This child has not started schooling.*
4. Nkwet e re eti a biain. *Education is a good thing.*
- nkwet a dono** (n) [lit.: book of the head] an identity card; a passport
- Nkwet Orbasi** (n) [lit.: book of God] the Bible; the Koran, etc.
- nkwoni** (conj) which
- nkwor u sai** (conj) the reason why

nnā (conj) and; with;
together with
nnaini (pro) which
e.g. Nono nnaini ndai?
Which beads are these?
nnangha (conj) but; but
then; and then? so
what?
e.g. 1. N kere u fuum aye,
nnangha amene
ormorng o dion quai. *I*
thought of beating him, but
his father entered.
2. Nnangha? A ka sai
mmung? *So what? What*
will you do?
ndiise (n) a show; a
spectacle; a display; an
exhibition
nne (pro) me
e.g. Ekese a bene ma be ya
nne. *Many people here love*
me.
Nnee (n) [Dukonokondo]
Mama, Mother
nneme (n) a discussion, a
conversation; dialogue
e.g. 1. N ka yau u chorma
nneme na ngo. *I will like*
to have a discussion with
you.
2. Dion na mbe a nneme.
Enter into dialogue with
them.
nning (adv) what
e.g. U bura nning? *What*
does it mean?

nnor (pro) you (special
usage in plural)
e.g. 1. Quai nnor. *Come on*
you.
2. Mmung, nnor? *What,*
you?
3. Bari nnor. *Get out you.*
nniyini (pro) which
nobo (n) kolanuts (a
specified and an
unspecified number of)
nokot (n) shadows;
silhouettes
nokpokentei (n) termite
mounds (see
okpokentei)
nokui (n) electric fish
(plural)
nokumambok (n)
woodpeckers
nokun (n) relatives, family
members – brothers,
sisters, cousins, aunts,
uncles
e.g. Nokun naimi ndai.
These are my relatives.
nokpokoro (n) tables
e.g. A chorm nokpokoro
nawang. *How many tables*
do you have?
nono (n) heads (a
specified and an
unspecified number of)
nontoninkang (n) lamps
nookon (n) farms
nookot (n) inlaws

nookpo (n) corpses (see ookpo)
noorba (v) submerge; plunge
noorkor (n) wealth, property (plural)
noormi (adj) not beautiful, not nice; not fair, not good; not advisable
 e.g. U noormi u nwei na dei. *It is not advisable to run in the night.*
nor (v) strike (e.g. thunder); fall
 e.g. 1. Erequa duwewei du yewe, dor a duwam du ka nor. *If the lightning passes, know that thunder will strike.*
 2. A yonini kpai a ka nor. *If you spin round too much you will fall.*
 (pro) [implied] everyone
 e.g. Quai nor. *Come everyone.*
norba (v) raining; soak
 e.g. 1. Mini mu norba. *The rain is falling.*
 2. Mu norba aranghaquo. *It is raining now.*
 2. Norba ita ingo. *Soak your clothes.*
norborn (n) cartridges; bullets
nor chaap (v) to convulse; convulsed

Norfemba [from Eng.]
 (n) November
nori [Duk.] (v) touch (usually lightly)
norkorkoi (n) kingfishers
norngkorng (n) song birds
norkpor (n) rubber; plastic (plural); rubber trees
norkporkoror (n)
 nocturnal spirit-masquarades in Kororp known more for their entertaining songs
norkwork (n) graters
norkworkirinua [from Efi.](n) handkerchiefs
norm (v) be good; be beautiful
norma (v) cause someone to bear the cause of a mishap, make someone bear a responsibility for which one is not prepared; add to one's responsibility, burden
normi (adj) beautiful, nice; fair, good; advisable
norn (v) go to the farm or "bush"
nornggha (n) [lit.: Sleep] good night
 e.g. 1. Nornggha. *Good night.*
 (v) lie (down), sleep; sleep with, have sex with; share a bed with

1. Work kwen quor ko or daat. *Dandle that child so he/she can sleep.*
 2. U noormi u norngaha na ominkei. *It is not good to have sex with a relative.*
 3. N yani u norngaha na orne a korchoor. *I don't like to share a bed with a snoring person.*
- norngahene** (v) place; lay
e.g. 1. Norngahene inaii nyor ma. *Place that money here.*
2. Norngahene kwen quor a bekork baimi. *Lay that child on my bed.*
- normor** (n) toes
normorn (n) chickens
normorn na orkat (n) ducks
normyorm (n) bush
mango fruits or trees (a specified number of)
normwhororor (n) toads
norom (n) knees
nororibot [from Efi.](n) pillows
norp (v) rain
e.g. Mu nka norp ndaikwai. *It will rain today.*
nors [from Eng.] (n) a nurse
nortor (n) songs
nortorp (n) mud (plural)

- nortorp nortorp** (adj) muddy; marshy, swampy
notoninkang [from Efi.](n) lamps
nguni (pro) which
e.g. Uworn nguni u nuu ngo? *Which leg pains you?*
nquornanquor (adv) only
e.g. Kwoni nquornanquor. *One only.*
nsai (n) an idea; a thought; an opinion
nsangha [from Efi.] (n) a friend
nsep (n) an illness
believed to be due to a poison or charm
nset (n) a plain, a level land
nsibidi (n) a traditional society in Kororp that represents the military
nsome (n) trouble; nuisance
(e.g. Kwen quor or kwaka nsome. *That child is looking for trouble.*)
(adj) troublesome
e.g. Kwen quor or re orne a nsome. *That child is a troublesome person.*
nsop (n) a levy, a contribution, a subscription
nsork (n) instigation
nsu (n) a lie; fake

e.g. 1. Or ya u tang nsu.
He/she fond of telling lies.
 2. Imum nyor i re nsu.
That smile is fake.
 (adj) false
 e.g. Tina “akpanukwen”
 bor “nsu”. Tick “true” or
 “false”.
nsuk ikang [from Efi.] (n)
 a ship
nta (n) times; multiplied by
 e.g. 1. Nta orwang? *How*
many times?
 2. Buwan nta dio. *Two*
multiplied by ten.
ntak (n) purpose,
 objective, aim; reason,
 rationale; sake
 e.g. 1. Ntak a kwoba aye a?
Why did you beat him/her?
 2. Ntak a kochuka kai e re
 ko i chorma ini u chang
 bantem itaim. *The reason*
for this gathering is so that
we have the opportunity to
advise one another.
 3. N quai ma a ntak engo.
I have come here for your
sake.
ntak a (pro) why
ntebesi (adj) upside down
ntem [also Eja.] (n) a
 friend; a companion, a
 colleague; a counterpart
ntem ekan (n) age-mate

ntoofuk (n) a fishing net
 (that is cast to catch
 fish)
 e.g. Ndorni u moork
 ntoofuk. *I don't know*
how to cast a fishing net.
ntume (n) confusion
 e.g. Kpara a baquai ntume
 ma. *Don't bring confusion*
here.
ntume ntume (adv)
 carelessly; confusedly
nu (v) fight; weave
 especially a basket;
 ache, pain
 e.g. 1. Kpara nu. *Don't fight.*
 2. A dor u nu kobom? *Do*
you know how to weave a
basket?
 3. Dorom de nu nne. *My*
knee aches.
nuka (v) have sex
 (especially animals); set
 (quickly, especially a
 trap)
 e.g. Nuka keetei mandior.
Set a trap there.
nukere (v) bend; bow
 e.g. 1. Nukere kainai kor.
Bend that stick.
 2. Nukere dono daingo.
Bow your head.
nuuk (v) set (especially
 many traps)
nuuka (v) bow down;
 dock

nuuka ket (v) [lit.: bend down and look] think carefully, look into, consider

num (v) send (someone on an errand)

e.g. Num aye. *Send him/her.*

num be kona (v) send for
e.g. Num be kona aye. *Send for him/her.*

numa (v) send (something to someone)

e.g. Numa mmi eti a biain. *Send me something nice.*

numene (v) try; test, tempt; try on (e.g. clothes)

e.g. 1. N ka numene u nwam donuna dai kating. *I will try to carry this luggage alone.*

2. Numene aye. *Test him/her.*

3. Numene eta chor aba deu nchor. *Try on the clothes before you buy it.*

4. Kpara numene mmi, ngo setan quo. *Don't tempt me, you this satan.*

numene iromo (v) tempt, put to a test

e.g. N ka numene aye iromo ko n dor bor ore eti a kwen. *I will put him/her to test so I know*

whether he/she is a good child.

numm (v) grow; grow up; develop; mature

nun (v) glance at, glancing at; regard, view, admire

e.g. 1. Or ya u nun mmi.

He/she is fond of glancing at me.

2. Nun baikait a okutiso.

Admire yourself in the mirror.

nuna (v) hurt a wound (by adding pressure on it); thread (usually a needle), thread something using a bamboo or string

nuu (v) anahilate, decimate

numene (v) take measurements of; measure to determine the quantity of

nuun (v) thread using bamboos or string

nuuna (v) lift up especially a load unto one's head

nuuna nuuna (v) carry on the head

nuwa (v) pierce; inject

e.g. 1. Kaikwai ke nuwa kakpaat kaimi. *A thorn has pierced my foot.*

2. Or kwaka u nuwa mi abiabun. *He/she wants to give me an injection.*

nuya (v) fight in a group
e.g. Bayo bai be ya u nuya.

These people like to fight.

nwak (v) eat fast, devour
e.g. Or ya u nwak daria
ngha ebia. *He is fond of
devouring food like a dog.*

nwham (v) carry; help,
support, facilitate

nwindo (n) a window

nwingha (v) hint

nyai (v) hurt, pain

e.g. Kpara mamana kpai, u
nyai. *Don't press too much,
it hurts.*

nyam (v) sell; (figuratively)
betray

e.g. 1. Or kwaka u nyam
ekpang chai. *He/she
wants to sell this farm.*

2. Ntanga chang ngo u
tibe aranghaquo,
nnanga kpara nyam
nne. *I am telling you what
is happening now, but don't
betray me.*

nyangha (v) help;
facilitate; assist

e.g. 1. Mbork, quai de
nyangha mmi. *Please,
come and help me.*

2. Munai mu mu nka
nyangha duwom dumi.
*This money will facilitate
my work.*

nye (v) excrete, excreting,
excreted, pass out,
passing out, passed out

nyenghe (adj) sweet

e.g. Suka or ngyenghe.
Sugar is sweet.

nyenghe nyenghe (adj)
sweet

e.g. N ya orkem or
ngyengh engyenghe. *I
like sweet palm wine.*

nyenghene (v) sweeten

nyenene (adv) again

nyenyenghe (n) Indian
bamboo

nyi (adv) this; like

e.g. 1. Idiaii nyi *This cutlass.*

2. Sai nyi ndai. *Do it like
this.*

3. Ini nyi a n tangha ta i
quai. *The time that I talk
about has come.*

(v) go; to bury

e.g. 1. A kwaka u nyi
mmang? *Where do you
want to go?*

2. Ta be nyi ebia chor
ekwa? *Have they buried
the dog that just died?*

nyi ndai (adv) Like this; in
this manner

e.g. 1. Seng nyi ndai. *Walk
like this.*

nyi ndior (adv) Like that;
Amen

e.g. 1. Mmung u choki nyi
ndior? *What is shouting
like that?*

2. Orbasi o tooni ngo.
Nyo ndior. *God bless you.
Amen.*

nyiort (v) massage

nyoorni (v) become
slippery

e.g. Ainain chai e tornghor
u nyoorni. *This road has
started becoming slippery.*

nyornanyor (adv) only

e.g. Nyini nyornanyor.
One only.

nyornini (adj) slippery

e.g. Ainain chai e nyornini
kpai. *This road is too
slippery.*

nyoori (v) iron; massage
(repeatedly)

nyori (v) iron; massage
(quickly)

e.g. 1. Nyori nne eta chai.
Iron this clothes for me.

2. Nyori baikait baimi.
Massage my body.

nyuuk (v) maltreat

e.g. U noormi u nyuuk
bantem. *It is not good to
maltreat others.*

Oo

o (v) he/she is, he/she has

e.g. 1. O quai. *He/she is coming.*

2. O kaik. *He/she has gone.*

obaii a durau (n) a nightmare

obaii a esin (n) bad heartedness

obon (pro) our; ours

e.g. Okuma obon ndai.
This is our last lastborn.

obufa [from Efi.] ((adj) new, strange

e.g. Mmung u re obufa mandior? *What is new there?*

Obufa a Diet (n) New Year

ochu (n) a thief

oduki (n) [see also oruki] a cruel, evil, wicked or dangerous person; a villain; a criminal

ofebere (n) a sparrow

ofiri (adj) whole

e.g. 1. Ofiri ini nyi a sai mmung? *What have you done this whole time?*

2. N kwaka ekwem chor ofiri. *I want that fish whole.*

ofornng irem [from Efi.] (n) shirt

ofufuk (n) midges

ofufung (n) wind

ofura (n) indigestion

e.g. Kwen quo or chorm ofur a. *This child has indigestion.*

Ojom (n) a Kororp male name

Ojong [from Eja.] (n) a Kororp male name

okaisu (n) a small cage for trapping rats (like the cage trap for fishing); a euphemism for cage trap for fishing

okirika (n) secondhand clothes

okongha (n) a chameleon

okoroni (n) a golden barb (fish), about or a little smaller than "chorng"

Okoryorng (n) a one time clan of Kororp, split from Kororp by war, now an ethnic group in Odukpani Local Government Area of the Cross River State of Nigeria, now reconnected to the rest of Kororp

okpiya (n) an orphan

okpokentei (n) a termite mound that looks like a wild mushroom; using the termite mound, it is a juju that is believed to

- cause someone's body
to swell badly.
- okpo** (n) a small bag used
by a hunter to carry
cartridges and other
such hunting gear.
- okpokoro** [from Efi.] (n) a
table
- okpoo** (n) a non-initiate
(especially of a society)
- okpuk** (n) a high fever
(especially that which
causes the body to
shiver or tremble)
e.g. Okpuk o kuba mmi. *I
have a high fever.*
- okukup** (n) a cover
(especially of a
container such as a pot)
- okum** (n) a market; a
week; price, cost
- okuma** (n) lastborn
- okumambok** (n) a
woodpecker
- okumankpa** (n) a spider
- okumi** (n) a large needle
made from an umbrella
spoke and used for
sewing bags, etc
- okut a ekwe** (n) a rank in
ekwe
- okut iso** [from Efi.] (n)
mirror
- okwakwai** (n) an
impotent man
- okwom** (n) a barren
person (especially a
woman)
- Omuna** (n) Lord
- ondindi** (n) a lizard (the
small, black type)
- ononoki** (n) a drunkard; a
dipsomaniac
- onum** (adj) old
e.g. Onum eta. *Old clothes.*
- Onum a Diet** (n) [lit.: Old
year] Christmas
- oo** (adj) OK; yes
- ookpo** (n) a corpse; a
diaphragm
- oorborn** (n) a cartridge; a
bullet
- oorkpak** (n) a poor
person
- oorngwa** (n) mother,
usually meaning 'your
mother'
e.g. Chaina ornwa. *Greet
your mother.*
- oorzaam** (n) a living
room, a parlour; a hall
- oorzaam ekwe** (n) an
Ekpe hall, a hall of the
highest traditional
society that is also used
by other traditional
societies
- oorsere** (n) oversea,
abroad, foreign land or
country
e.g. 1. Kwen ormornge or
re oorsere. *His/ her child
is overseas.*

2. Kwen omi o nyi
oorsere. *My child has gone
abroad.*

onum (adj) old;
experienced

e.g. 1. Onum ekpa ndai.
This is an old bag.

2. N de onum orne a kana
kai. *I am an experienced
person in this subject
(branch of study).*

onwingwing (n)
mosquitoes

onyin (n) gums (of the
teeth)

or (pro) he, she

e.g. 1. Or reni ma. *He/she
is not here.*

2. Or na quai. *He/she has
not come yet.*

3. Or ri quai. *He/she will
not come.*

(v) he/she is; he/she has
e.g. Or quai. *He/she is
coming.*

2. Or quai. *He has come.*
orairio [from Eng.](n)
radio

or ba (conj) then; before

e.g. 1. N dion, or ba tung
qai. *I entered, then he/she
appeared.*

2. Ta i tornghor u dia biain
be ba dion. *We had
started eating before they
entered.*

orbang (n) Harmattan

Orbasi (n) God

orbei (n) foolishness;
imbecility

orbereng (n) a valley

orbian (n) a lazy person
e.g. A re orbian. *You are a
lazy person.*

orborn (n) a chief, a king;
a traditional dance
society

orborom (n) right hand
(adj) right side

orboror (n) a medium-size
drum

orbereng (n) a valley

orchorka (n) destruction,
devastation; rampage

e.g. 1. I na ning utor a quo
orchroka mandai. *We
have not witnessed this kind
of devastation here.*

2. Bai dion orchorka. *They
have gone on a rampage.*

orfa (n) luck; fortune

orfanganfoot (n) a
grasshopper

orfat (n) a twin

orforng irem [from Efi.]
(n) a shirt

oriorngbor [from Efi.] (n)
a male or female friend
with whom one shares
sexual relationship

orip (n) a rainy day or
period (when rain falls
continually for a whole
day or for several days)

orka (n) a craftsman; an artist
orkani (n) a ghost; an apparition
orkat (n) a whiteman
orkebe (n) a box; a coffin
orkem (n) palm wine (from oil palm)
orken (n) a stranger; a visitor
orkenenken (n) a butterfly
orkesu (n) (n) small cages (like the fishing type) for trapping rats; a euphemism for cage-traps for fishing
orkorkatai (n) a long, edible fruit with a number of fleshy seeds, popularly called monkey kola
orkorkoi (n) a kingfisher; (figuratively) a skilled fisherman
orkorng (n) a song bird
Orkorst [from Eng.] (n) August
orkpa (n) river, a Durorp name for an Ejagham or a Banyangi person
orkpaan (n) a selfish person
orkpa a fururu (n) a lake
Orkpa Ina (n) the largest of Kororp rivers,

between Erat and Ekornganaku
orkpakara [from Efi.] (n) a table chair
Orkpasang (n) known officially as Akpasang, a Kororp river on the bank of which lies the village of Orkpasang whose name is derived from the river
Orkporkobait (n) an extinct village of Kororp, some members of which have been assimilated into Ekornganaku
orkpor (n) rubber; plastic; a rubber tree
orkporor (v) a harlot
orkporsorng [from Efi.] (adv) firmly; seriously (adj) serious; great
orkwork (n) a grater
ormanini (n) a nursing mother, a birth-giving woman
ormankor (n) a sugar cane
ormorn (n) a lion
ormormorki (n) a sickling e.g. Kwen kwo or de atata ormormorki. *This child is a typical sickling.*
ormkpiik (n) a flying fox
ornananghi (n) a liar; a person who spreads secret information or

makes secret reports
 about people
ornanari (adj) mad
 (n) a mad person
ornaton (n) a woman
orne (n) a human, a
 person; someone
orne a kanaat (n) a mad
 person
orne a Aboong (n) a
 person of Abung
orne a Ekorn (n) a person
 of Ekorn
orne a Ekornganaku (n)
 a person of
 Ekornganaku
orne a Erat (n) a person
 of Erat
orne a Nkondup (n) a
 person of Nkondup
orne a Ngworo (n) a
 person of
orne a Orkpokobait (n) a
 person of Orkpokobait
orne a Orkoryorng (n) a
 person of Orkoryorng
orne ambunghor (n) a
 lame person
orne amoi (n) a cheat
orne a nsu (n) a liar
orne a enork (n) a soldier
ornenum (adj) elderly
 (n) an elder, an elderly
 person
orne a inung (n) a deaf
 person

orne a ita (n) a law
 enforcement officer
orne oruk (n) someone
 else
ornerom (n) a man
orne a ukut (n) an
 marginalised; a
 disadvantaged; an
 underprivileged; a
 deprived; a needy
 person
ornkenenken (n) a
 butterfly
ornorm (n) a beauty, a
 belle
ornornormi (n) a dancer
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 string of beads made of
 metal, usually but not
 always mixed with small
 bells, worn by a woman
 in a traditional “school”
 such as fattening room
 after circumcision
ornwororor (n) a toad
orom (n) a husband
orom a buqun (n) hernia,
 appendicitis
Ororp (n) a Kororp
 person
orsorsoi (n) small snails
 that often destroy the
 vegetative parts of
 crops
orworna (n) tobacco;
 snuff (i.e. tobacco
 powder)

orteke (n) a verandah
ortor (n) a singer
oruk (adj) another (for
words that begin with
“o”)

e.g. Orne oruk. *Another
person.*

oruki (n) [see also oduki] a
cruel, evil, wicked or
dangerous person; a
villain; criminal

orsa (n) a witch or wizard

orsaam (n) a spear

orsengheene (n)
maltreatment,
mistreatment, abuse

osare (n) fibre made from
a plantain or a banana
stem

osairai (n) a Sunbird

osi (n) measles

osit (n) a babysitter

otibi (n) okra

otiri (n) thigh pains due to
strenuous trekking

Otoba [from Eng.] (n)
October

otoko (n) pepper

otou ese (n) bitterleaf

owowomi (n) a hard-
working person

oyim (n) onions (in
general)

oyim urum (n) wild onion
(a fruit) popularly
known as “country”
onion

oyim orkat (n) onions (a
bulb, commonly sold in
the market)

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quai (v) come
e.g. 1. A ka quai? *Will you come?*

2. A quai. [(for a visitor)
lit.: “Have you come?”]
Welcome.

quaini (v) will not come;
does not come; am
not/is not/are not
coming
e.g. 1. N quaini. *I will not come.*

2. O quaini seeng ma.
He/she does not come here.

3. Be quaini. *They are not coming.*

qun (v) blow continuously
(e.g. fire, wind
instrument; whistle
through the mouth)
e.g. 1. Qun dion dor.
Blow that fire.

2. A ror u qun iyoyoni?
Do you know how to blow a whistle?

3. N dorni u qun ndiro.
I don’t know how to blow a mouth organ.

quna (v) tie
e.g. Tum quna durik dor.
Tie that rope well.

quna kokot (v) [lit.: “tie
face”] frown

quni (v) untie

qunn (v) burn or be hot
(like pepper)

qunni (adj) burning or hot
(like pepper)

quorbere (v) to soften; to
make less taut; to calm
down

quorna (adj) small, little
quorna uchoormi (n)
breathing space.

e.g. Or changhi mmi nke
quorna uchoormi.
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quo [see also kwo] ((adj)
this

e.g. Kwen omi quo or ka
yeu uromo umorng.
*This my child will pass
his/her exams.*

quoba (v) slap or beat
(slightly and briefly);
also to slap a fly or a
mosquito

quoi (v) scrape; scrub
1. e.g. Quoi dorkorng dor.
Scrape that pot.
2. Quoi bunort bungo.
Scrub your nails.

quooi (v) dry up, dried up
(especially a stream,
river or pot on the fire)
e.g. 1. Duchai dor du ka
fara quooi. *That stream
will soon dry up.*

2. A kpanghi korum kor?
U kaini ngha dorkorng
dor de quooi. *Do you
perceive the smell? It seems
like that pot has dried up.*

quoop (v) beat, strike
e.g. A sai n ka quop ngo.
If you joke I will beat you.

qun (v) blow (e.g. a horn
or other wind
instrument)
e.g. Or dor u qun duyik *He
knows how to blow the
horn.*

quni (v) blowing
e.g. O quni duyik. *He is
blowing the horn.*

quop (v) remove the
scales of (e.g. fish)
e.g. Quop ekwem chor.
*Remove the scales of that
fish.*

quor [see also kwor](adj)
that; a word sometimes
used to express
contempt

e.g.1. Kwen quor or re
obaii orne. *That child is a
bad person.*

2. U chuwere a quor...
In addition to that...

3. Quor mmung ndai?
*What is this?/
What do you think you
are?*

quorn (v) fear; escape
from

e.g. 1. Quorn aye, orsa
quor. *Fear him/her, that
witch/wizard*

2. Or quorn efain ita. *He
has escaped from law
enforcement officers*

quuna (v) blow (briefly,
e.g. fire, or wind
instrument); whistle
through the mouth)

e.g. Quuna duyik. *Blow the
horn.*

quuni (v) wipe; clean
e.g. Quuni nen nengo.
Wipe your eyes.

Rr

raat (v) [see also daat]
sleep
e.g. Or ka raat. *He/she will sleep.*

rama (v) [see also dama]
jump (once)
e.g. Or ya u rama. *He likes to jump.*

ramini (v) [see also damini]
jumping
e.g. Or ramini mmung?
Why is he/she jumping?

rara (v) [see also dara]
rejoice, jubilate, celebrate
e.g. Or rara mmung?
Why is he/she rejoicing?

re (inf. v) [see also de] be; am; is; are
e.g. 1. A re mandior? *Are you there?*
2. A re. [lit.: *Are you there?*]
Good afternoon/Good evening.

reeni (v) is not, is no; are not, are no; is not available; not present, absent; is nothing; is no bad news
e.g. 1. Kwen ormorn or reeni a enor. *His/her child is not in the house.*
2. Bene be reeni ma. *There are no people here.*

3. Or reeni ndaikwai.
He/she is not present today.

4. Biain bu reeni a enor.
There is nothing in the house.

5. Kpara babi esin, biain bu reeni. *Don't panic, there is no bad news.*

reke (v) [see also deke]
dirty, make dirty or filthy

e.g. Kpara deke eta aimi.
Don't dirty my clothes.

(adj) dirty; filthy
e.g. Eyain chai e deke. *This place is dirty.*

rere (adv) [see also dede]
still

e.g. Or rere inum. *He/she is still behind.*

rere ning ndior (adv)
appearing so
e.g. Iworn ingo i rere ning ndior i deke deke? *Why are your legs appearing so dirty?*

ri (inf.v) [see also di] will not

e.g. Be ri quai. *They will not come.*

rik (v) [see also dik] return; tinkle (constinuously); tease (a euphemism for)
e.g. 1. A ka fara rik?
Will return soon?

2. A rik. [(for a resident)
[lit.: *Have you returned?*]
Welcome.
3. Kpara rik kwen quor.
Don't tingle that child.
- riika** (v) [see also diika]
peep
- rika** (v) [see also dika]
tinkle momentarily;
tease (a euphemism for)
- riikere** (v) [see also
diikere] peep; peep
into
- e.g. A riikere mmung a
ubet umi? *Why are you
peeking into my room?*
- rima** (v) [see also dima]
misplace (something);
put out (usually a fire or
lamp)
- roka** (v) [see also doka] do
a piece of work in
instalments
- roka kpe** (v) pay a debt or
a fee in installments
- e.g. Or ka roka kpe
maruum mengo. *He will
pay an installment of your
debt.*
- roki** (v) [see also doki]
scrape off or remove
quickly from a hole;
scoop out from a shell
- rokoro** (v) fidget; squirm;
be restless; be uneasy
- ronene nen** (v) [see also
donene nen] intimidate

- rooki** (v) [see also dooki]
scrape off or remove
from a shell
- e.g. Nik or nyangha mmi u
rooki buchor. *Let
him/her help me remove
snails from the shells.*
- ror** (v) [see also dor] know;
understand,
comprehend
- e.g. Or ror din dingo.
He/she knows your name.
- ruki** (adj) [see also duki]
dangerous
- e.g. O ruki. *He/she is
dangerous.*
- runghene** (v) [see also
dunghene] investigate;
inspect, examine; verify
- runghi** (v) [see also
dunghi] live, living
- e.g. 1. O runghi ma. *He/she
lives here/He/she is living
here.*
- ruum** (v) [see also duum]
rumble (e.g. thunder or
stomach), play
- ruuma** (v) [see also
duuma] smell
(something), rumbling,
playing

Ss

saa (v) sit; sit for

e.g. 1. Saa a bukei. *Sit down.*

2. Saa uromo quor. *Sit for the examinations.*

saaii (adj) silent; quiet; creepy, eerie

e.g. Eyain chai e rere ning ndai saaii? *Why is this place so eerie?*

saaii saaii (adv) silently; quietly

e.g. Saa ma saaii saaii. *Sit here silently.*

sabara (v) reveal, divulge, expose top-secret hidden by means of a physical cover, such as a masquerade

sak (v) tear (e.g. clothes, a book or a paper)

e.g. Kpara a sak nkwt chor. *Don't tear that book.*

sakara (v) rinse; scatter into pieces (for soft fish or some other food item to)

e.g. 1. Sakara nasan nor. *Rinse those plates.*

2. Ekwem chor e sakara a erop. *That fish has scattered into pieces in the soup.*

sai (v) do, did; cause, caused; make, made; joke, joked, play, played; tell e.g. a story

e.g. 1. Sai duwom dongo esin chaini. *Do your work whole-heartedly.*

2. Mmung u sai a ngo a chok?

What made you shout?

3. Erequa a sai n ka kwop ngo. *If you joke I will beat you.*

4. N keme u sai uke. *I can tell a story.*

sai aikin (v) joke, joking; jest, jesting; tease, teasing

e.g. Or sai aikin. *He/she is joking.*

sai duwom (v) work

e.g. Mmang a sai duwom? *Where do you work?*

saikere kokot (v) frown
e.g. A saikere na meng kokot? *With whom are you frowning?*

saiki (adj) bitter

e.g. Erop chai e saiki. *This soup is bitter.*

sai sai (adv) clearly

e.g. N ya aye, antak or na tangha ukwen sai sai. *I like him/her, because he/she speaks clearly.*

saam (v) send out watery stool

saang (v) disappear,
disappeared, vanish,
vanished

e.g. Onerom quor or
saang. *That man has
disappeared.*

saangha (v) disappeared

e.g. Or saangha yen
mmang? *Where has
he/she disappeared to?*

saanghana (adv) clearly;
obviously; evidently;
visibly; undoubtedly

e.g. N ning mbe
saanghana. *I saw them
clearly.*

sana sana [from Efi.](adj)
holy, hallowed

sanghana (v) disappear;
dissolve; melt away;
evaporate

e.g. 1. Kamaat kaingo ke
sanghana kpat. *Your scar
has disappeared completely.*

2. Ekwem e sanghana a
erop. *The fish has
dissolved in the soup.*

sara (adj) thin

e.g. Iworn imorng i sara.
His/her legs are thin.

sarara (v) gather the
remainder of, forage;
pick up especially a
cutlass by rubbing it
against the ground as a
strategy to frighten

sarara iworn (v) drag, play
delaying tactics

sat (v) scatter; dissolve,
especially a meeting

e.g. 1. Kpara sat ndek
chor. *Don't scatter the
dirt.*

2. Be sat korsorwa kembe.
*They have dissolved their
meeting.*

sat daban (v) divorce

e.g. Ta be sat daban?
Have they already divorced?

Satire [from Eng.] (n)

Saturday

seei (v) clear, slash

seek (v) laugh

seeki (v) [for many
people] laugh; laugh at

seekiri (v) laughing
e.g. A seekiri mmung? *Why
are you laughing?*

seeng (v) walk; go
e.g. 1. Fara seeng. *Walk
fast.*

2. Seeng kaik. *Go away.*

(adj) sometimes

e.g. A mene seeng munok?
Do you sometimes drink?

(adv) ever; never; always

e.g. 1. Be quai seeng ma?
Do they ever come here?

2. Be quaini seeng ma. *They
never come here.*

3. N na quai seeng ma a
Torsde. *I always come here
on Thursday.*

seenghene (v) walk
(someone)
e.g. Seenghene kwen quor.
Walk that child.

seep (v) poison (usually a
person)

sen (art.) the
e.g. Bene ba sen a? *Where
are the people?*

sengheene (v) maltreat,
mistreat, abuse
e.g. Kpara sengheene mbe.
Don't maltreat them.

sep (v) cut into several
pieces, slice
e.g. Nyangha mmi u sep
chaap chai. *Help me slice
this meat.*

serere (v) level (especially
a piece of land or
ground)

setan (n) satan

Setemba [from Eng.] (n)
September

siba (v) fetch (e.g. water,
cooking oil, or garri)

sibiri (v) return (back),
make a U-turn or turn
round and go back in
the direction one is
coming from; to turn to
a particular part of the
body or position; to
transform into
something
e.g. 1. Fara sibiri dik.
Return home fast.

2. Sibiri inum. *Turn your
back.*

3. Sibiri keyeri. *Turn face-up.*

4. Or keme u sibiri enyi.
*He/she can transform into
an elephant.*

siika [from Eng.] (n) a
cigarette; cigarettes

siim (v) send away;
dismiss

siim bien (v) expel;
deport, repatriate, send
home

siira (v) sneeze, sneezed

sika (v) eat (a euphemism
for)

e.g. A ka sika biain? *Will
you eat something?*

sikere (v) shift

sikere kaik (v) shift away

sikere quai (v) shift
nearer

sik sik (adv) early (usually
in the morning)

e.g. Quai kito sik sik. *Come
early in the morning.*

sim (v) hum

sima (v) push (as in giving
birth or excreting);
scare away (something
or somebody briefly)

e.g. Sima unorn quor. *Scare
away that fowl.*

sime (adj) stupid
e.g. Kating a sime? *Are you
stupid?*

simini (v) assemble; mix

e.g. Nik i simini ma na
kooori. *Let's assemble here
in the evening.*

2. Simini ita imi na ingo.
Mix your clothes with mine.

sin (v) refuse; deny

e.g. 1. Kpara a sin kachang
kemorng. *Don't refuse
his/ her gift.*

2. A keme u sin a ubor
ungo u reeni a u tibe qu
ma? *Can you deny that
your hand is in what has
just happened here?*

sina (v) seal a hole in a
broken area or part;
profer greetings,
especially in a
traditional fashion, to a
gathering

sinene (v) seal off, sealed
off

e.g. 1. Doboki dor de
sinene. *That hole has
sealed off.*

2. Doboki da koroi kor de
torngbor u sinene. *The
hole of that wound has
started to seal off.*

riri (v) took care off;
fostered; baby-sat

sisi (adj) empty

e.g. Dorkorng daingo de
rere sisi? *Is your pot still
empty?*

(n) zero

sit (v) take care of
(especially a child); to
foster; baby-sit

soi (n) a bee; bees;
(figuratively) a
drunkard ; a
dipsomaniac

sokoro (v) cook, prepare
(usually soup)

e.g. Or dor u sokooro
erop. *He/ she knows how
to cook soup.*

sookoro (n) an orange; an
orange tree

somene (v) wipe (what
has been written or
drawn); mix

e.g. 1. Adutaina o beke a
ami n somene buyairi
bu. *The teacher said I
should wipe this writing.*

2. Kpara a someme daria
daimi na demorng.
*Don't mix my food with
his/ hers.*

sooja [from Eng.](n) a
soldier

soorb (v) push
(continuously)

e.g. Kpara a soorb kwen
quor. *Don't push that
child.*

soorbeeree (v)
deliberately
mispronounce a word
or name

e.g. Or ya u soorbeeree din dimi. *He/she is fond of mispronouncing my name.*

Soornghor (n) a very tall person (after the name of a very tall man who once lived in Kororp)

sorb (v) weed

sorba (v) push (briefly); boil (food)

e.g. 1. Kpara sorba bien kwen quor. *Don't push down that child.*

2. Fara sorba chaap chor. *Boil that meat fast.*

sorbere (v) deliberately make a mistake of something; misrepresent someone or give an untrue report of

sork (v) poke (constantly); instigate

e.g. 1. Mmung u se a ngo a sork dubuut dor? *What made you poke at that wall?*

2. Orne o reni or keme u sork mmi u nu na ntem omi. *There is no one who can instigate me to fight with my friend.*

sorka (v) pierce; poke (once or briefly)

e.g. 1. Erequa a seeng dunyor na uta ntume ntume a durum dor, aka

sorka ntem ongo a den. *If you go ahead with such a rough play, you will pierce your friend in the eye.*

2. Sorka ket bor chaap chor ta e kwa. *Poke to see if that animal is already dead.*

sorere (v) make lukewarm

sori (v) become warm (e.g. of water, or body to have slight fever)

e.g. 1. Mini mu sori. *The water has become warm.*

2. Baikait ba kwen quo be sori. *This child's body is has become warm.*

sorkere (v) shiver, tremble; be in an unusual haste to do something especially to please

sormene (v) mix, put together

sorne (v) disgrace, humiliate; debase

e.g. Kpara a sorne ibon. *Don't disgrace us.*

soormene (v) erase; deface

e.g. Soormene buyairi bor. *Erase that writing.*

sornghor (v) support; corroborate, second; be older than

- e.g. 1. Kwa a sai quor u
sornghor ukwen umi.
*What you have just
done supports my statement.*
2. Okum or beke ibon i
tire u dia aye munsop.
*Okum said we should stop
taking fines from him/ her.*
3. Akparika or beke a ibon
i tornghot u sop
munaii. Nkum or
sornghor. *Akparika said
we should start contributing
money. Nkum seconded.*
4. Ominkei ongo or
sornghor mmi. *Your
brother/ sister is older than
me.*

soror (adj) for something
to be warm

e.g.1. Baikait ba kwen quo
be soror. *This child's body
is warm.*

2. Mini mu mun soror.
This water is warm.

suk (v) rear (especially
domestic animals)

e.g. M biri yau u suk
nornorn. *I would like to
rear chicken.*

suka (v) hook, pull the
hook line to catch a fish

sukere (v) relax; calm
down, pipe down;
humble (oneself or
someone)

- e.g. 1. Sukere baikait
baingo. *Calm yourself
down.*
2. Erequa a sukere baikait,
Obasi or ka bairere
ngo. *If you humble
yourself, God will exalt
you.*
- suorp** (n) soap
- suu** (v) lie, say something
that is untrue
- e.g. Kpara suu nne. *Don't
lie to me.*
- suuk** (v) hook; catch fish
by pulling the hookline
- suuka** (n) sugar
- suwa** (v) pin (especially a
stick), pitch (e.g. a tent
or hut)

Tt

ta (v) take the lead or first position; has/have already

e.g. 1. Ta dunyor. *Take the lead*

2. Mmi n ta dunyor uromo. *I took first in the exams.*

3. N ning ma ta chun. *I can see that you have finished.*

ta (v) have...yet; have...already

e.g. 1. Ta a dia biain? *Have you eaten something yet?*

2. Ta be beke *Have they already arrived.*

taaina (v) teach; train; display; demonstrate

e.g. Taaina mbe kwa a kpewiri. *Teach them what you have learnt.*

taak (v) remain, has remained; confined; stuck

e.g. A kwaka a mi n taak ma? *Do you want me to remain here?*

taang (v) to talk, to speak
e.g. Taang nnangha. *Speak then.*

taangha (v) step over

taani (v) smear

e.g. Kpara a taani munei mor a dubut. *Don't smear that oil on the wall.*

taaik (v) swear (repeatedly); swearing

taa ree (v) was, was once; were, were once

e.g. 1. N taa ree andiom orne. *I was a slim person.*

2. I taa ree ikpor uyin. *We were once a big family.*

taba (v) follow, go behind (someone), go after (someone); understand

taika (v) swear (once or briefly)

taaim (v) to dish (food into plates), dishing

e.g. Ama omi ortornghor u taim daria. *My mother has started dishing the food.*

taaimene (v) measure something to know the quantity

e.g. Taaimene kari kor ko ibon i dor ibat a korp. *Measure the garri so we know the number of cups.*

taimaine (v) to take someone's measurements

taina (v) show, showed; signify, signified; portray, portrayed

e.g. 1. Taina mbe eyain asen. *Show them the place.*

2. Ukwēn quor u taina mmung? *What does that statement signify?*
 3. Kwa a beke ndior u taina a ngo a de ochu. *What you just said portrays you as a thief.*
- taina ainain** (v) guide
taina baikait (v) show off
 e.g. Or ya u taina baikait. *He/she likes to show off.*
- tak** (v) chew; masticate
taki (v) chewing;
 masticating
tana (inf.v) plan
 e.g. A tata tana u quai na ibon? *Did you earlier plan to come with us?*
- ta neye** (adv) until now, up until now, to date
 e.g. N na ning aye ta neye. *I have not seen him/her up until now.*
- tangha** (v) swear, to ask for juju's intervention against someone
tap (v) reach
 Taa a tap enor? *Have you reached the house yet?*
- tara** (v) stagger
tari (v) slide, slip
tawa (v) put down
 e.g. Tawa ekpaimē chor okpokoro. *Put that bottle on the table.*
- tawet** [from Eng.] (n) towel

- te** (v) smash (e.g. potato)
teekeere (v) welcome (especially by hailing) happily
teeng (v) stagger
 e.g. Nik ononoki quor or teeng yen. *Let that drunkard stagger away.*
- tem** (v) curse someone; choke
 e.g. 1. Kpara a tem aye. *Don't curse him/her.*
 2. Dia duchorn ko a be tem. *Eat slowly so you don't choke.*
- tenghe** (v) step aside
 e.g. O nining mmi ndai, or tenghe chang mmi ainain. *As soon as he/she saw me, he/she stepped aside to give me the way.*
- teu** (v) step on (someone); smash with the feet (e.g. muddy ground for building the walls of a house); give many incisions to
 e.g. 1. Kpara a teu nne iworn. *Don't step on my feet.*
 2. Baton be ror u teu bukei ba bubeet kpai borom. *Women know how to smash the earth for mudding walls with the feet more than men.*

3. Nik or teu kikuk kor ko
ke sanghana. *Let
him/her incise the lump so
that it disappears.*

tewe (v) step on; incise
(once or briefly)

tii (n) [from Eng.] tea

tiikere (v) deceive;
frighten (continuously)

e.g. A tiikere meng? *Who
are you deceiving?*

tiina (n) write; draw
(especially a line)

tian (n) zinc, corrugated
iron sheets; a basin

tibe (inf. v) happen, occur,
transpire, arise

tibiri (v) reward for an
entertainment received

e.g. U normi u tibiri
bornornormi. *It is nice to
reward dancers.*

tik (v) urge on, persuade,
force to act

e.g. 1. Kpara a tik nne u ba
aye. *Don't persuade me to
marry him/her.*

2. Kpara a tik aye u men
munok. *Don't force him to
drink.*

tikere (v) frighten; deceive
(momentarily)

tikiri (v) tremble, shiver

e.g. Ini a burieu bu ka
kuba aye or ka tikiri.
*When fear will grip him/ he
he/she will tremble.*

tinghene (v) stiffen, cause
to become stiff or erect;
flex (especially muscles)

tinghi (v) become stiff;
become erect

tini (v) rub against

tire (v) end; stop

e.g. Tire u koon din dimi.
Stop calling my name.

tiri (v) for food not to
cook well; for a woman
to become infertile

e.g. 1. Erequa a biri tum
kporkere dion dor,
borkor bor be ka tiri. *If
you don't make the fire
well, the food will not cook
well.*

2. Orkporsong a kamarin o
sai ben baton baibon be
tiri. *It is excessive use of
gamalin that has made our
young women become
infertile.*

toi buuna (v) prune, trim
(that is, cut the
branches of a plant)

e.g. Erequa a kwka koorfi
kaingo ke tum chim, toi
buuna ini ini. *If you want
your coffee to bear well,
prune the braches from time
to time.*

toki (v) pinch
(momentarily); get up
from a squatting
position

toi (v) remove one after another; ostracise, excommunicate; lift a (e.g. a ban), repeal; peck (continuously)

e.g. 1. Toi ichap nyor ekpa.
Remove the meat from the bag.

2. Be toi Ojom Ekwe. *They have ostracized Ojom from Ekwe.*

3. Be chorm u toi kibain kor. *They need to lift/repeal that ban/injunction.*

4. Orman unorn kwor u ka toi aye. *That hen will peck him/her.*

tonghene (v) nod off, nodding off (especially as a result of feeling sleepy)

e.g. Or tornghor u tonghene. *He/she has started nodding off.*

toni (v) repair, fix (done quickly)

(adv) carefully

e.g. Toni mort ekpaime chor. *Handle that bottle carefully.*

tooka (v) squat; land, perch (e.g. a bird)

e.g. Borng kpat itort nyor i tooka. *Wait until that bird perches.*

tooki (v) pinch (continuously)

tooni (v) repair, fix carefully; make, manufacture

toonini (v) repairing, repaired; fixing, fixed; making, made; manufacturing, manufactured

e.g. A toonini mmung ma?
What are you repairing here?

toora (v) get glued to (e.g. a snail)

e.g. Ket arangha echor e toora a kana ka kainaii kor. *A snail has gotten glued to the branch of that tree.*

toorere (v) narrate, relate; explain

e.g. Toorere arangha u tibe. *Narrate how it happened.*

toori (v) pick (e.g. a louse); fetch (especially fire)

e.g. Or ya u toori dion a kiichin omi. *He/she likes to fetch fire from my kitchen.*

(adj) hot

e.g. 1. Dion du du toori kpai. *This fire is too hot.*

2. N ya mini mu toori. *I like hot water.*

toorka (v) hang (oneself)

e.g. A kwaka u toorka
kwa? *Do you want to hang
yourself dead?*

toornghi (v) drip
(continuously)

toornghini (v) dripping
e.g. Mini mu toornghini
ma. *Water is dripping here.*

toort (adj) hot
e.g. Dion bu toort. *The fire
is so hot.*

(v) get hot
e.g. Nik mini mor mun
tum toork. *Let that water
get hot well.*

tor (v) remove (at once);
take (e.g. a photo);
subtract; commit (e.g.
an abortion or
terminate a pregnancy);
name (e.g. a child)

e.g. 1. Tor unaan quor a
ainain. *Remove that stone
from the road.*

2. Tor mmi foto. *Take a
photograph of me.*

3. Or tor buqun. *She has
committed an abortion.*

4. Be kwaka u tor kwen
quor din. *They want to
name that child.*

tora (v) put something
into fire

e.g. 1. Tora idiaii nyor kpat
i don. *Put that cutlass into
the fire until it gets red hot.*

torbere (v) cause to
become muddy or
turbid (e.g. by adding
too much water);
overcook, cooking to
become too soft
e.g. Kpara a torbere desi
dor. *Don't overcook that
rice.*

torbi (v) become muddy,
turbid, too soft, or
watery

torere (v) heat (especially
food)
e.g. Seeng de torere daria
daimi. *Go and heat my
food.*

tori (v) pinch (e.g. meat)
e.g. Kwen quo or ya u tori
chaap ore ochu. *A child
who likes to pinch meat is a
thief.*

toritort (adj) hot
e.g. N ya tii or toritort. *I
like hot tea.*

torka (v) tether, chain;
hang (someone or
something)
e.g. 1. Tum torka ebon
chor. *Tether that goat well.*

2. Be kwaka u torka aye?
*Do they want to hang
him/her?*

tornghor (v) start, begin,
commence
e.g. Meng or ka tornghor?
Who will start?

(adv) since

e.g. Tornghor ini nyor or
na quai daing ma. *Since
that time he/she has not
come here again.*

tornghor tornghor (adv)
since, ever since

e.g. Tornghor tornghor
orba tung ma, n na ning
aye daing. *Ever since
he/she left here I have not
seen him/her again.*

Torsdai [from Eng.] (n)
Thursday

tortoort (adj) hot

e.g. Dia be tortoort. *Eat it
hot.*

tor usene (v) retaliate,
revenge

e.g. N ka tor usene. *I will
retaliate.*

tornghi (v) drip (once or a
few times)

tornghene (v) drop (for
instance a small
quantity of oil, water or
drink into a container);
drop a liquid into the
eye (such as eye drop)

tou (v) plant, cultivate,
sow

e.g. N ka tornghor u tou
ekpang aingo kwanaka.
*I will start planting your
farm soon.*

toui (v) planting; sowing;
cultivating

e.g. O toui mmung? *What is
he/she*

planting/sowing/cultivating?

towa (v) plant, sow (to do
so momentarily)

toya (v) peck at

e.g. Arequa a ruma na
orman unorn quor u ka
toya ngo. *If you play with
that hen it will peck at you.*

tikere (v) deceive; mislead
e.g. A kwaka u tikere mmi?
Do you want to deceive me?

tui (v) wake two or more
people from sleep; rinse
a container with a small
opening by putting
water into it and
shaking; spit
(repeatedly)

e.g. 1. Ben bor be rere a
kornorngha kpat
arangakwo? *Tui mbe!
Those whildren are still in
bed up till now? Wake
them up!*

2. Tui desip dor a ba korn
orkem quor etaing. *Ring
the calabash before you put
the palm wine into it*

3. Or ya u tui bunyorni. *He
is fond of spitting out saliva*

tuk (v) divide, share; grate
(especially cassava for
gari or cocoyam for
ekpang)

e.g. 1. Tuk biain ikie iyain
inai. *Divide one hundred
things by four.*

2. Tuk chang kporkporor
orne. *Share it to
everybody.*

tuka (v) for people to
divide or share
something among
themselves

e.g. Tuka nor daria dor
mboon na mboon.
*Share that food amongst
yourselves.*

tukere (v) for a few
people to share
something between or
among themselves; to
maltreat someone

e.g. 1. Mbork, tukere nor
kworna daria dor.
Please, share that little food.

2. Kpara tukere onaton
quor. *Don't maltreat that
woman.*

tum (v) pound (especially
fufu); beat or pound;
make (especially a bed)

e.g. 1. N ka tum ngo ngha
arangha be tumi
bumang. *I will pound you
the way fufu is pounded.*

3. Kpara tum kwen quor.
Don't beat that child.

4. Or ror u tum bunang.
*He/she knows how to
pound fufu*

5. Tum kornorngha kaimi.
Make my bed.

(conj) unless, except

e.g. 1 Be beke a mbe be
baariri, tum mboon bu
numa mbe eti a
dormorn. *They said they
won't leave, unless you send
them a good word.*

(adv) well, carefully;
properly; thoroughly;
meticulously

e.g. 1. Tum mort kwen
quor. *Hold that child
carefully.*

2. Tum choork. *Grind
thoroughly.*

tuma (v) pound (briefly)

tume (v) attempt; try;
endeavour; struggle

e.g. Tume nyenene. *Try
again.*

tumene (v) confuse, make
someone to forget
e.g. Kpara tumene
mmi. *Don't confuse me.*

tuna (v) give back, return
something taken,
borrowed or stolen;
repay, refund,
reimburse money
borrowed or stolen

e.g. N ka tuna daria
daingo. *I will return your
food.*

tunene (v) push (e.g. a
truck or vehicle)

tung (v) go out (especially from an enclosure such as a house or a car); leave a particular place or group

tung daban (v) divorce (usually for one party to leave the marriage home)

e.g. U noormi u tung daban. *It is not good to divorce.*

tunghene (v) bring something or somebody out of hiding; bring out a masquerade on public display

tung quai (v) appear; materialize

turere (v) arch out the buttocks by bending slightly

turi (adj) blunt

e.g. Idiaii nyi i turi kpai. *This cutlass is too blunt.*

tura (v) arch out the buttocks by bending slightly

(adj) the body not generally smart due to drowsiness from previous night's sleeplessness, feeling of premonition, or impending illness

e.g. Kpara nyi duwom erequa a baikait be tura ngo. *Don't go to work if your body is not smart enough.*

tut (v) pour out (e.g. a liquid from a big container with a small opening)

e.g. Tut munok mor ma a mbam. *Pour out the wine in the jug.*

tut bien (v) pour away

e.g. Tut bien mini mor. *Pour away that water.*

Tusdai [from Eng.] (n) Tuesday

tuubi (v) become extremely foolish

tuuk (v) cheat

e.g. Or ya u tuuk bene. *He/she likes to cheat people.*

tuuma (v) encounter; cross one's path

tuunghi (v) germinate, germinated; for a dead and buried person to be appearing

e.g. 1. Mbangsang etornhor u tunghi. *The groundnuts are already germinated.*

2. Ornerom quor or qua or ka tuunghi. *If that man dies he will be appearing.*

tuura (v) pour liquid from
a big container with a
small opening (briefly
and fast)

e.g. Tuura quona a munei
a desip dor. *Pour a little
oil from that calabash.*

tuurere (v) make sharp
object blunt;

e.g. Kpara a turere idiaii
imi. *Don't make my
cutlass blunt.*

tuuya (v) wake someone
up from sleep; rinse
(e.g. a bottle containing
water by shaking)

e.g. 1. Kpara a tuuya mmi,
kpat u tap nkarika inan.
*Don't wake me until it
strikes 3 O'clock.*

2. Tuuya ekpaima chor a
ba kain munei mor.
*Rinse that bottle before pour
in in that oil.*

tuya (v) spit, spat

Uu

u (prep) to

e.g. 1. A kwaka u sai mmung? *What do you want to do?*

2. Ukwen kwu u bura nning? *What does this statement mean?*

(v) how to; is; has, had
e.g. 1. N dorni u chiork. *I don't know how to swim.*

(pro) it (but the "it" is redundant in some translated sentences)

1. Mmung u re mandio? *What is there?*

2. Kwen unorn u re a kornorn ka bekork bengo. *There is a chicken under your bed.*

3. Ukwen u deni. *There is no problem.*

4. Orom unorn quor u ri quai daing. *That cock will not come again.*

5. U re nning? *How is it?*

ubakara inum (n) betrayal
e.g. Atata anduki ubakara inum nde. *This is the most dangerous betrayal ever.*

ubangha (adj) about, concerning

e.g. A k pang ukwen ubangha mmi? *Have you*

heard any discussion concerning me?

ubaii (n) sin, evil, badness
e.g. Ubaii u chawi kpai nkang a kaibain. *There is too much sin on earth.*

ubaima (n) acceptance

uben (n) boundary

ubet (n) room

ubia ibat (n) pride

ubinghene baikait (n) condenscention; humility

ubini (n) ebony

ubo (n) kolanut tree

ubok (n) a hole (in the ground)

uboong (n) floor mat

uboonghene (n) aimless wandering

ubor (n) hand, arm

ubor inum (n) bribe or bribes; bribery, corruption

e.g. 1. U noormi u dia ubor inum. *It is not good to take bribes.*

2. Ubor inum u noormi. *Bribery is not good.*

uboror a baikait (n) [lit.: body response] sense (e.g. of smell, touch, etc)

ubowa ini (n) delay, hesitation; procrastination

ubura (inf. v) it means

uchaina (n) greetings;
salutation;
compliments

uchamana (n) an
embrace; the act of
embracing or cuddling

uchari (n) bitter kola tree

uchoormi (n) breath; the
act of breathing;
breathing sound

e.g. 1. E kwa bor e
chorchorm kworna
uchoormi? *Is it dead or
does it still have some
breath?*

uchuna daban (n) divorce

uchuwere (adv)
additionally, additional
to, in addition to

e.g. 1. Uchuwere mandior.
*Additional to
that/ additionally*

2. Uchuweere a quor. *In
addition to that.*

uda ikang [from Efi.] (n)
a match; a match box

udeme [from Efi.] (n) a
share; a share one has
in a business; a portion;
concern

e.g. 1. Chang udeme umi.
Give my share.

2. Or chorm udeme a
kombani quor. *He/she
has a share in that
company.*

3. A chorm udeme ekpang
chor? *Do you have a
portion in that farm.*

4. Udeme ungo a ukwen
quor a? *What is your
concern in that matter?*

udiana (adj) second, next,
additional, in addition
to

e.g. Udiana a ukwen u
de... *The second point is...*

udoribot (n) a pillow

udunghene (n)
investigation,
inspection,

examination for medical
purposes or for
verification of the truth
about something or
somebody

ududu [from Efi.] (n)
power, authority;
courage, boldness;
audacity; effrontery

e.g. 1. Ududu Orbasi u
kpai ududu a setan. *The
power of God is more than
the power of satan*

2. Or chormi ududu u sim
mbe ma. *He/she has no
authority to send them away
from here.*

3. Meng or chang ngo
ududu a ngo a sa a
korsorwa kaimi ka
duborn? *Who gave you the*

audacity to sit on my throne?

ufaikaiyo [from Efi.] (n)
an umbrella

ufang [from Efi.] (n) a
space, breathing space;
a chance, an
opportunity

ufat nkpor [from Efi.] (n)
scissors

ufen [from Efi.] (n)
suffering, sufferings

ufia [from Efi.] (n) a slap

ufiaip [from Efi.] (n) fever
that raises body
temperature

ufikiri (n) verification,
cross-checking, cross-
validation, confirmation

e.g. N kwaka ufikiri a
ukwen quu. *I want
verification in this issue.*

uforn [from Efi.] (n)
profit, gain, benefit;
point

e.g. 1. Uforn ungo a?
What's your benefit?

2. Uforna a? *What's the
point?*

ufort (n) middle, centre
(adj) middle or central
position

ufup (n) jealousy

e.g. Or ya kpai ufup.
*He/she is too fond of
jealousy.*

uka (adv) yet, for now; for
a while; at the moment
e.g. 1. N di kwai uka. *I
won't come yet.*

2. Boorng uka. *Wait for a
while.*

3. Nik i koom nyindior
uka. *Let's leave it like that
at the moment.*

ukan (n) a message
e.g. Meng o numa ngo
ukan qu? *Who sent you
this message?*

ukani (n) a huge log of
wood (especially across
a path or road)

Ukapedisua [from Efi.]
(n) Christmas

ukaara (n) curtain
(especially of Ekwe or a
grand, public occasion)

uke (n) a story; a tale
e.g. Meng or ka sai uke?
Who will tell a story?

ukem (adj) equal, enough
ukem ukem [from Efi.]
(adv) equally

e.g. Tuk daria dor ukem
ukem. *Share that food
equally.*

ukaini ngha (v) it looks
like, it seems

uko [from Efi.] (n) show
of power or strength

ukom (n) a tree, locally
known as “njasanga” or
“njangsang”, with hard-

shelled seeds used as
 soup thickener and
 flavouring
ukork (n) chewing stick
ukot (n) a shadow;
 silhouette
ukort (n) raffia palm;
 raffia palm wine
ukpangha (n) a bolt; a
 lock
ukpangha a itum (n) a
 door bolt; a door lock
ukparara (n) dilly-dallying,
 dragging of legs,
 procrastination
 e.g. N yani ukparara a
 biain bu. *I don't like
 procrastination on this
 issue.*
ukpono [from Efi.] (n)
 respect; honour
 e.g. Chang Obasi ukpono.
Give honour to God.
ukporkere [from Efi.] (n)
 a key
 e.g. Dorkin dai de
 chormi ukporkere. *This
 lock has no key.*
ukporng (n) soul, spirit
ukut (n) hardship;
 disrespect, an
 expression of
 condescension, high
 and mighty
 eg. 1. Ukuk u ka choon
 aye. *Hardship will kill
 him/her.*

2. N yani ukut. *I don't like
 disrespect.*
 (inj) An expression of
 surprise or disgust why
 a particular behaviour
 should be expressed
 towards or in the
 presence of one.
 e.g. Ukut a mmung² or
 Ukut u mi eh! or
 ket nor ukut! *High and
 mighty!*
ukwak ukwen (n) the act
 of looking for
 trouble; aggressiveness;
 antagonism
ukwau (n) ampit
ukwen (n) a word, a talk, a
 speech, a statement; a
 problem, an issue; a
 point; a matter; a case
 e.g. I ka yau ngo a chaang
 ibon ukwen. *We will like
 you to give us a speech.*
ukworkirinua [from Efi.]
 (n) a handkerchief
umi (pro) my, mine
unaan (n) a pebble, a rock
unan (n) a wound, an
 injury; under hard
 struggle
 e.g. 1. Or chorma
 unan? *Has he/she
 sustained an injury?*
 2. Unan or ba baima. *It
 was under hard struggle
 before he/she accepted.*

unap (n) scarcity,
shortage; lack
e.g. A dia biain ndaikwai,
kere ini unap. *As you eat
today, think of times of
scarcity.*

unap a mini (n) water
scarcity
e.g. Unap a mini in re ma
na konum. *Water scarcity
is rampant here in the dry
season.*

unap a ichap (n) wildlife
(animal) depopulation,
wildlife scarcity
e.g. I tornghor u ning unap
a ichap ma. *We are
beginning to experience
wildlife scarcity here.*

unau (n) a thigh

unem (n) chalk (what is
popularly known as
Calabar chalk); a
traditional form of
blessings by rubbing
Calabar chalk on one's
hand; (also figuratively)
blessings

e.g. 1. Baton ba Kororp be
ya u korma unem.
*Kororp women like rubbing
Calabar chalk.*

2. Amene a mene ormorn
or korn aye unem [lit.:
His/her great grand
father has rubbed
him/her with Calabar

chalk]. *His/her grand
father has given him
blessings.*

3. Ndaikwai daikwai da
unem umi. *Today is the
day of my blessings.*

unen (n) right, rights (as in
human rights), what is
true, correct and
acceptable

e.g. M baat a unen umi. *I
stand for my rights.*

(adj) straightforward,
doing what is right

e.g. Or re orne a unen.
*He/she is a straightforward
person.*

ungwingha (n) a hint
e.g. Nke ungwingha a be
ka quai? *Not even a hint
that they will come?*

urori (n) profit, gain
e.g. A chorm urori a okum
kwo? *Do you make profit
in this business?* [lit.: Do
you have profit in this
business?]

unoi (n) shea nut or poga
tree whose seeds are
used to produce edible
oil

unorm (n) an unexpected
or unprepared for
responsibility or
burdern

unoorm (n) goodluck, blessings, success, prosperity
 e.g. Diet du du re ini a unoorm a enor aimi.
This year is a year of prosperity in my family.

unorn (n) a chicken

unorn a orkat (n) a duck

unum (n) errand; the act of sending someone on an errand
 e.g. 1. N de unum. *I am on an errand.*
 2. Or ya kpai nkang unum. *He/she is too fond of sending someone on an errand.*

unwham (n) help, support, facilitation
 e.g. Mbork, chaang aye unwham. *Please, give him/her help.*

unwingha (n) a hint; forewarning
 e.g. N chorma unwingha a baifain ba enork be ka quai ma. *I got a hint that soldiers will come here.*

unwor (n) a camwood tree

unwornghor (n) an oath
 e.g. A keme u dia unwornghor a ukwen quor? *Can you take an oath on that issue?*

unyorm (n) a bush mango tree

ureme [from Efi.] (n) a share; shares, portion, portions, allocation, allocations

u re a ikpain (v) to be alive
 e.g. U re a ikpain u re unem a Orbasi. *To be alive is God's blessings.*

uremi (n) a whisper; whispering
 e.g. Quai i chorma quorna a uremi. *Come and let's have a little whisper.*

urika (n) a peep; the act of peeping
 e.g. Urika quor u bura nning? *What does that peeping mean?*

uromo [from Efi.] (n) a test, an examination, exams; temptation, temptations
 e.g. Ikpain i chawi uromo. *Life is full of temptations.*

uroribot [from Efi.] (n) a pillow

urum (n) forest; environment

urum a beem (n) a jungle

urum a korborm (n) a jungle

urum a nyen (n) a virgin forest

urung (n) mortar

usan (n) a pan; a bowl

usani (n) sand (also euphemism for gari)
usani usani (adj) sandy
 e.g. Bukei bu bu re usani usani. *This soil is sandy.*
usan a ikot (n) a plate
usaing (n) excrement; faeces; stool; the bathroom (euphemism for going to stool)
 e.g. 1. U korni u ning usaing a anwha. *It is his difficult to see the excrement of a cat.*
 2. N kwaka u nyi usaing. *I want to go to the bathroom.*
usat daban (n) divorce
 e.g. Be ki de a usat daban. *They are now facing divorce.*
useeng a nta chor (conj) for that reason, consequently, as a result, in view of that, therefore, hence
 e.g. O biri kona nne, useeng a nta chor n di quai. *He/she didn't invite me, for that reason I won't come.*
usene (n) retaliation, revenge; pay back; replacement
 e.g. 1. M baat a usene. *I stand for revenge.*
 2. N ka chang ngo usene a ekpaima a m biani. *I will*

give you a replacement for the bottle that I broke.

usiritorng (n) tonsillitis; a trap or traps set to catch animals by the neck

usobo (n) loin-cloth (of normal size)

usoror [from Efi.] (v) a celebration

e.g. I re a usoror ndaikwai. *We are in celebration today.*

uta (n) type, kind, sort

e.g. Utor a biain bu bu noormi. *This sort of thing is not good.*

utaba (n) ground tobacco, "snuff"

utaimene (n) measurement; the act of measuring

e.g. A ba utaimene umorng? *Have you taken his/her measurement?*

utana (n) way; side; over

e.g. 1. N nyi utana nquni? *Which way do I go?*

2. Utana nquni a ya? *Which side do you prefer?*

2. A chorm dion utana quor. *Do you have fire over there.*

utang (n) the lowest part of the barn at the fire place, mainly used for drying meat, fish and other items

utchoormi (n) breathing,
breath
utchoorni (n) snoring
utaina baikait (n)
showiness, ostentation
utaip (n) hunting
utikere (n) deception,
deceit
utonikang [from Efi.] (n)
a lamp
 e.g. Baaira utonikang quor.
Light that lamp.
utonikang a eyang (n)
carbide lamp
utooni (n) repair,
mending; fixing;
fabrication,
manufacturing
utorere (n) a statement; an
explanation
 e.g. 1. Chang utorere ungo.
Give your statement.
 2. N kwaki anyiri utorere. *I*
don't want a long
explanation.
utor (n) type, kind, sort,
brand
 e.g. Utor nquni a kwaka.
Which type/ kind/ brand do
you want?
utori (n) pinching;
pilfering
 e.g. 1. Utori u de uchu.
Pinching is stealing.
 2. Utori u noormi. *Pilfering*
is not good.
utuk (n) cheating

e.g. Utuk u noormi.
Cheating is not good.
utume (n) attempt; trial;
endeavour; struggle
utung (n) frontyard
 (adv) outside
u tungghi a (conj) through;
because of; happening
in the name of
 e.g. U tungghi a kwen ongo,
 Omuna obon, Yises
 Kraisi. *Through your son,*
our Lord, Jesus Christ.
u tungghi ning (adv) How
come it that
 e.g. U tungghi ning ko be
 dion ma qua I biri ning
 mbe. *How come it that*
they entered here without us
seeing them.
uurim (n) ill-luck, bad
luck, hard luck,
misfortune
uukara (n) tenure of
office, rule; rulership,
leadership
 e.g. Ekese a aiti a borkor
 be tibe ini a uukara
 umonrg. *Many good*
things happened during
his/ her tenure of office.
uukot (v) inlaw
uuraan (n) a monitor
lizard
uwab eba [from Efi.] (n)
breast-wear

uwakara (n) a junction; a
Y-junction; a T-
junction; crossroads: a
bifurcation; a
confluence; an
intersection

uwam (n) hook

uwan (n) a canoe

uwan inchin (n) (lit:
engine canoe) engine
boat; speed boat

uwana [from Efi.] (n)
group, association,
connection, partnership

e.g. Or chorm uwana na
ibon. *He/she has*
partnership with us.

uwara (n) a loan, loans

uwom (n) the highest
female traditional
society in Kororp,
known as in Efik as
“Ekpa”

uworn (n) leg

uyai [from Efi.] (n) a
decoration; a spectacle;
splendour

uyang (n) dribbling
(especially with a ball);
hanky-panky (also used
figuratively to mean)

uyeen (n) a plum tree

uyei (n) moon; month;
menses

uyin (n) family (including
the extended type)

uyire (n) insistence, the
habit of egging on

Ww

wai (v) name; disclose (e.g. those involved in an act); split (especially wood); saw (especially wood)

waan (v) lay or stay in wait; ambush; set a trap against someone

waaiki (v) gnaw, eat like a rat (continuously)

waaikiri (v) gnawing

waari (v) pick the teeth (especially with a toothpick)

waiki (v) gnaw, eat like a rat (momentarily)

wain (v) be or stay long; last long

e.g. 1. N di wain. *I won't be long.*

2. Daria dai de di wain.

This food won't last long.

wakara (v) separate; bifurcate; branch off

e.g. I ka wakara a uwakara uruk. *We shall separate at the next junction.*

waki (v) reduce the quantity of

e.g. Waki daria daimi.

Reduce my food.

wana (v) associate; connect, partner, have something to do with

e.g. Nik I wana na mbe ko i tum sai duworm du.

Let's partner with them so that we do this job more effectively.

wang (adj) many

e.g. Ichap iwang? *How many animals?*

wap (adv) quick

wap wap (adv)

expeditiously, fast, quickly, rapidly, speedily; hurriedly, hastily

e.g. N na sai duwom dumi wap wap. *I do my work expeditiously.*

wara (v) stick (especially between a gap or crevice); borrow; lend

e.g. 1. Wara dukoko dor a itam ingo. *Stick that feather on your bat.*

2. Or wara mmi ekese a munaii. *He/she borrowed a lot of money from me.*

3. N wara aye ekese a munaii. *I loaned him a lot of money.*

wari (v) take something from a gap or crevice

waya [from Eng.] (n) wire; a snare, a trap

week (v) to burn out (especially fuelwood or candle)

e.g. Imet imi i week
kpat. *My fuelwood has
burnt out completely.*

wekere (v) cause to burn
out (especially
fuelwood, by using
much at a time)

e.g. Kpara a wekere imet
imi. *Don't burn out my
fuelwood.*

Wenesdai [from Eng.] (n)
Wednesday

werere (v) shift

werere kaik (v) shift, shift
away

werere quai (v) shift
nearer

wha (v) butcher

e.g. N dorni u wha chaap.
*I don't know how to
butcher an animal.*

wiba (v) fasten, tighten
(adj) tight

e.g. Munkpakot mu mu
wiba kpai. *These shoes are
too tight.*

wiima (v) sprinkle, spray;
swear to juju by
spraying, for instance,
“alligator pepper”

wiira (v) sipping, sucking;
syphoning

e.g. Ket arangha kwen
ongo o wiira mumbai
ma ama. *See how your
child is sucking the mothers
breasts.*

wira (v) sip; syphon

wiriri (v) pour

e.g. 1. Wiriri busani bor
ma. *Pour that sand here.*

2. Mini mun ka wiriri. *The
rain will pour.*

wiriri bien (v) pour out

wiriri mini (v) baptize; be
baptized

e.g. 1. Faara or ka wiriri
ngo mini. *The Reverend
Father will baptise you.*

2. N wiriri mini. *I am
baptised.*

wok (v) confess; give a
testimony about a bad
act, such as involving
in witchcraft and
committing an adultery

e.g. Ornaton quor or wok
ubaii umorng. *That
woman has confessed her
sins.*

woka (v) fall, fallen
(especially unripe
fruits); shed (especially
for a tree to drop its
leaves)

e.g. 1. Echimi a kanaii kai
ai wiriri. *The fruits of this
tree have fallen.*

2. Kainaii kai ke wiriri
ikwang imorng. *This tree
has shed its leaves.*

won (v) father a child

woni (v) has fathered a
child

e.g. Mmeng o woni ngo.

Who has fathered you?

woong (v) cry

Kpara woong. *Don't cry.*

woongha (v) crying

e.g. A woongha mmung?

Why are you crying?

wook (v) scratch (gently,
especially an itching
paart of the body)

wooka (v) scratching
(gently)

e.g. A wooka mmung
baikait nyindior. *Why
are you scratching your body
like that?*

woora (v) near; approach

e.g. Saa woora na me. *Sit
near me.*

(adj) near

e.g. O biri dung woora ma.
*He/she does not leave near
here.*

woororor (v) drop, drops
(on its own because it is
over-size, e.g. trousers
or skirk)

e.g. Anyiri iwoorn omi or
woororor. *My trousers
drops.*

wori (v) leave, get out of

e.g. Wori ma aranghaquo!
*Leave here now!/ Get out of
here now!*

(adj) not near

e.g. Ornaton kwor o wori
ma. *That woman is not
near here.*

work (v) dandle

e.g. Work kwen quor ko o
tire u woong. *Dandle
that child so that it stops to
cry.*

wororor (v) pull down

e.g. 1. Wororor anyiri
iwoorn ongo. *Pull down
your trousers.*

woorki (v) grow weak to
fainting point; droop
(e.g. leaves)

woorn (v) decay; rot;
decompose; putrefy

e.g. Erequa a biri tum
changhana chaap chor e
ka woorn. *If you don't dry
that meat well it will decay.*

wot (adj) near

e.g. A wot ma? *Are you near
here?*

wuou (v) burn; roast;
distill (hot drink)

e.g. 1. Be tornghor u wuou
bukpang bumbe. *They
have started to burn their
farm plots.*

2. Tum wuou chaap chor.
Roast that meat well.

3. Or ror u wuou munok.
*He/she knows how to distil
hot drink.*

Yy

ya (v) like; prefer; love; be fond of

e.g. 1. Or ya u rung ma.

He/she likes to live here.

2. A ya nkwoṇi? *Which do you prefer?*

3. Or ya mmi. *He/she loves me.*

4. Or ya u seeng a dubam da orkpa. *He/she is fond of walking on the river bank.*

yaaii (v) decorate

e.g. Seeng be yaaii ngo. *Go and let them decorate you.*

yaaim (v) stay awake all night; keep vigil

yaaka (v) stick, get stuck on something, stand pressed against something (such as a wall)

e.g. 1. Ekpai e yaaka a mini ma orkpor. *A rat is stuck in latex.*

2. Be baat yaaka a dubut kpat i seeng yeu kwa i biri ning mbe. *They stood pressed against the wall until we walked past without seeing them.*

yaang (n) tree pangolin

yaani (v) don't like

e.g. N yaani aye. *I don't like him/her.*

yai (v) become flat (especially a drink)

e.g. Orkem quo or yai. *This palm wine is flat.*

yaiba (v) wander, wander about, wandering, wandering about

yain (v) hate

e.g. Kpara a yain mmi. *Don't hate me.*

yaing (v) cut; cut short, interrupt

e.g. 1. Yaing kainai kai. *Cut this stick.*

2. Kpara a yaing ukwen umi. *Don't interrupt my speech.*

yaing nkaim (v) circumcise

e.g. A ikwai changhachanhanai be ka yaing kwen quor nkaim. *In eight days' time they will circumcise that child.*

yaini (v) don't hate; wake up (from sleep)

e.g. 1. N yaini aye. *I don't hate him/her.*

2. A ka fara yaini diyain? *Will you wake up early tomorrow?*

3. A yaini. [lit.: Have you woken up?] *Good morning.*

yaira (v) take down,
write, written (quickly)
e.g. Orbasi, mbork, yaira
din dimi a nkwet a
ikpain. *God, please, write
my name in the book of life.*

yait (v) write; draw
e.g. A keme u yait buyairi?
[lit: Can you write
writing?] *Can you write?*

yang (v) dribble; (also
used figuratively)
deceive

e.g. 1. A keme u yang mmi
na borl? *Can you dribble
me with the ball?*

2. A kemeni u yang orne
ngha mmi. *You cannot
dribble/ deceive a person
like me.*

yarara (v) reveal, divulge,
expose a top-secret
e.g. Mbork kpara a yarara
aidiaimi aibon. *Please,
don't reveal our plan.*

yau (v) love; feel affection
for

e.g. Yau aton ngo
ngharangha a ya baikait
baingo. *Love your wife as
much as you love yourself.*

yebere (v) dodge; avoid
meeting someone or
something

e.g. A biri koom neen na
ochu quo or ka yebere
u ngwei. *If you don't keep*

*watch over that thief,
he/she dodge to escape.*

yeei (v) shout at or bark at
repeatedly

e.g. Kpara a yeei ben bor.
*Don't shout at those
children.*

yeeke (v) carry on the
shoulder

e.g. Ket arangha n ka
yeeke dion du. *See how I
will carry this gun on the
shoulder.*

yeen (v) return, go home;
an order to "go back"
to where one has come

e.g. Yeen
aranghaquo/Seeng
yeeen aranghaquo. *Go
home now.*

(adj) a little; a bit

e.g. Ikpain i normi yeen
aranghaquo. *Life is a bit
better now.*

yeenee (v) lean on; place
one's weight on; wedge
against

e.g. 1. Kpara yeenee nne a
baikait. *Don't lean on my
body.*

2. Unan u yeenee a kainaii.
*A stone has wedged against
a tree.*

yeeng (v) find, has found
(something new);
discover, discovered

e.g. Ini nyini, ameme omi
or yeeng iyik a enyi a
urum a kormborm.

*Once, my father found
elephant tusks in the jungle.*

yep (v) stalk, follow
quietly to hunt or catch;
imitate; mimick;
emulate

e.g. Ata utaip quor or ror u
yep chaap. *That hunter
knows how to stalk an
animal.*

yeh (v) shout or bark at;
warn, caution;
admonish, reprimand,
reproach

yene (v) lean something
e.g. Yene kemet kor ma.

Lean that fuelwood here.

yeu (v) cross; walk or run
past someone; pass,
passed, over (eg. time)

e.g. 1. A ka keme u yeu
orkpa quor. *Will you be
able to cross that river?*

2. N ka nwei yeu ngo. *I will
run past you.*

3. Or ka yeu uromo
umorng. *He/she will
passed his/her exams.*

yeye (v) shout at (briefly
or once)

e.g. Yeye kwen quor ko or
tire kaichim kor. *Shout
at that child so that he/she
stops that noise.*

yhion (n) hill, mountain

yiaang (n) a tree pangolin

yin (v) wrap up oneself or
someone (especially
with clothes or hands)

yina (v) wrap up (usually
oneself or someone,
especially with clothes
or hands)

yini (v) following
someone about (usually
without giving him/her
any breathing space)

e.g. A yini nning mmi ndai
a baikait, ngo kwen
quo? *Why are you
following me about like
this, you this child?*

yire (v) insist; egg on

yirere (v) lengthen (e.g.
rope); elongate, stretch
out (e.g. neck)

yiri (adj) long (always
preceded by a noun,
pronoun and/or an
adverb)

e.g. Enu chor e nekere yiri.
That snake is really long.

yiriri (adv) steadily and
quietly, gently

e.g. 1. Or seeng yiriri ngha
enu. *He/she moves steadily
and quietly like a snake.*

(v) tingle; tingling

e.g. N keru enu baikait
baimi be yiriri. *When I*

*look at a snake my body
tingles.*

yiri yiri (adj) long

e.g. 1. M borngi akam a
ikpain i yiri yiri. *I pray
for long life.*

2. N kwaka kainaii kai yiri
yiri. *I need a long stick.*

Yises (n) Jesus

yiiuut (n) a water
chevrotain

yoi (v) shake (especially
the waist); wave (e.g.
the hand); dangle,
swing, sway; hang
down

e.g. 1. Yoi koonun kaingo.
Shake your waist.

2. Yoi ibor bu chaang
Orborn obon. *Wave
your hands for our chief.*

yome (v) wander about

yonene (v) turn round; go
round something

e.g. Yonene katana kor.
Turn round the other way.

yonene (v) turn, turn
round; rotate; revolve
(oneself or something
once)

1. Yonene kaik. *Turn round
and go.*

2. Ntak a yonene kawat
kor a? *Why did you rotate
that hoop?*

yoonene (v) spin, spin
round; turn, turn round

round; rotate (someone
or something else)

yooni (v) spin, spin round;
turn, turn round; turn
around, revolve; rotate

e.g. 1. Kpara yooni ko
etong a bai kuba ngo.
*Don't spin round so you
don't feel dizzy.*

2. Kwen quo or ya u yooni
a doronghi daimi. *That
child is fond of turning
around in my backyard.*

3. Kaibain ke tireri u
yooni. *The earth does not
cease to rotate.*

yoonini (v) spin, spinning;
rotate, rotating, revolve,
revolving

e.g. Nke a durau, n na ning
arangha kaibain ke
yoonini. *Even in my
wildest dreams, I have not
seen how the earth is
rotating.*

yoora (v) leaking

e.g. Enor engo e yoora
kpai. *Your house is leaking
too much.*

yoorni (v) yawn

yoonini (v) yawning
e.g. A yoonini mmung?
Why are you yawning?

yoorp (v) deceive
someone (usually into
trouble)

e.g. A kemeni u yoorp
orne ngha mmi. *You
can't deceive someone like
me into trouble.*

yoot (v) drip; leak

e.g. 1. Mini mu nka yoot a
ntak a kotom kor ke
chorm doboki. *The water
will drip because the
container has a hole.*

2. Enor engo e ka yoot na
enaba chai. *Your house
will leak this rainy season.*

yorkere (v) change;
replace

e.g. 1. Seeng de yorkere eta
aingo. *Go and change your
clothes.*

2. Mbork, yorkere mmi
inaii nyi. *Please, change me
this money.*

3. A chorm u yorkere
orairio quo, ntak or
noormi. *You should
replace this radio because it
is not working.*

yorn (v) coil; twist,
interweave

yoror (v) move up and
down; perambulate,
stroll; pay regular visits
to; pace-dance (i.e. this
way and that way, up
and down as an ekwe
masquerade does, in a
dramatic manner)

e.g. 1. A yoror kwaka
mmung? *What are you
looking for moving up and
down?*

2. Mmung a yoror enor
chai nyi dai? *Why are you
visiting this house like this,
so regularly?*

3. Dibo di re kerei kai ke
ror u yoror. *Dibo is a
masquerade that knows
how to pace-dance.*

yowoo! (inj) an expression
of misfortune or sad
news

yoya (v) shake; wave; wag
(e.g. the tail)

e.g. 1. Kporkpora ini or
kwaka u kaik, ta o yoya
nne ubor. *Each time
he/she is about to go,
he/she waves me his/her
hand.*

2. Kporkpora ini ebia chai
e ning nne ta e yoya
daikain demorng. *Each
time this dog sees me it wags
its tail.*

yui (v) stir (by turning
with a stick)

yuui (v) call out aloud; to
hoot (repeatedly)

yuya (v) call out aloud,
hoot (once or
momentarily)

yurere (v) twist (especially
the arm)

e.g. Kpara a yurere ubor a
kwen kwor. *Don't twist
that child's arm.*

yurere maba (v) skrew
(briefly)

e.g. Yurere maba duuni
dor. *Screw that bottle top.*

yurere mabi (v) unscrew
(briefly)

e.g. Yurere mabi duuni
dor. *Unscrew that bottle
top.*

yut (v) stir (by turning
with a stick or spoon);
screw; steer, turn (e.g. a
steering)

yut maba (v) skrew
(continually)

e.g. Yut maba duuni dor.
Screw that bottle top.

yut mabi (v) unscrew
(continually)

e.g. Yut mabi duuni dor.
Unscrew that bottle top.

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